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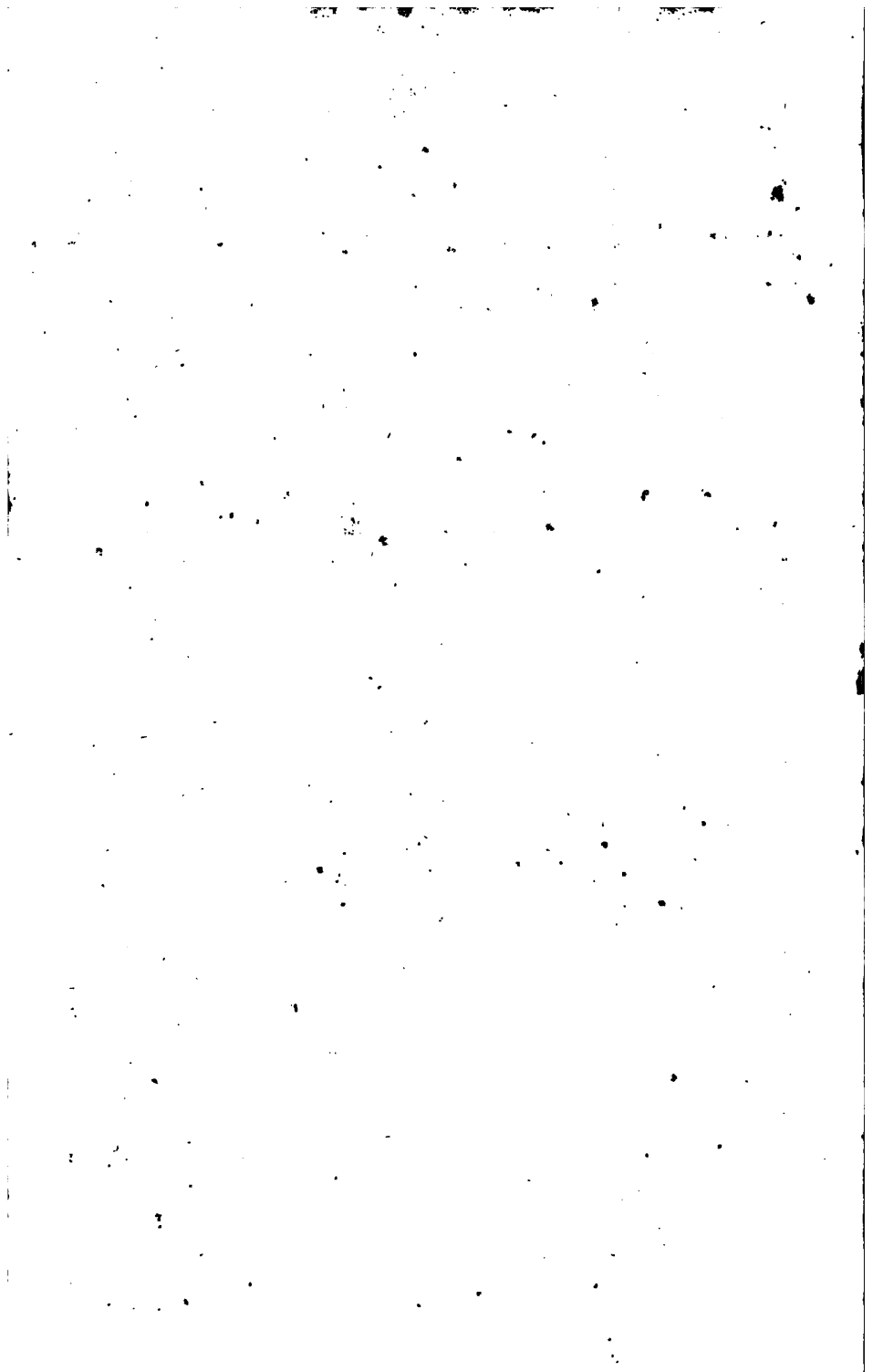
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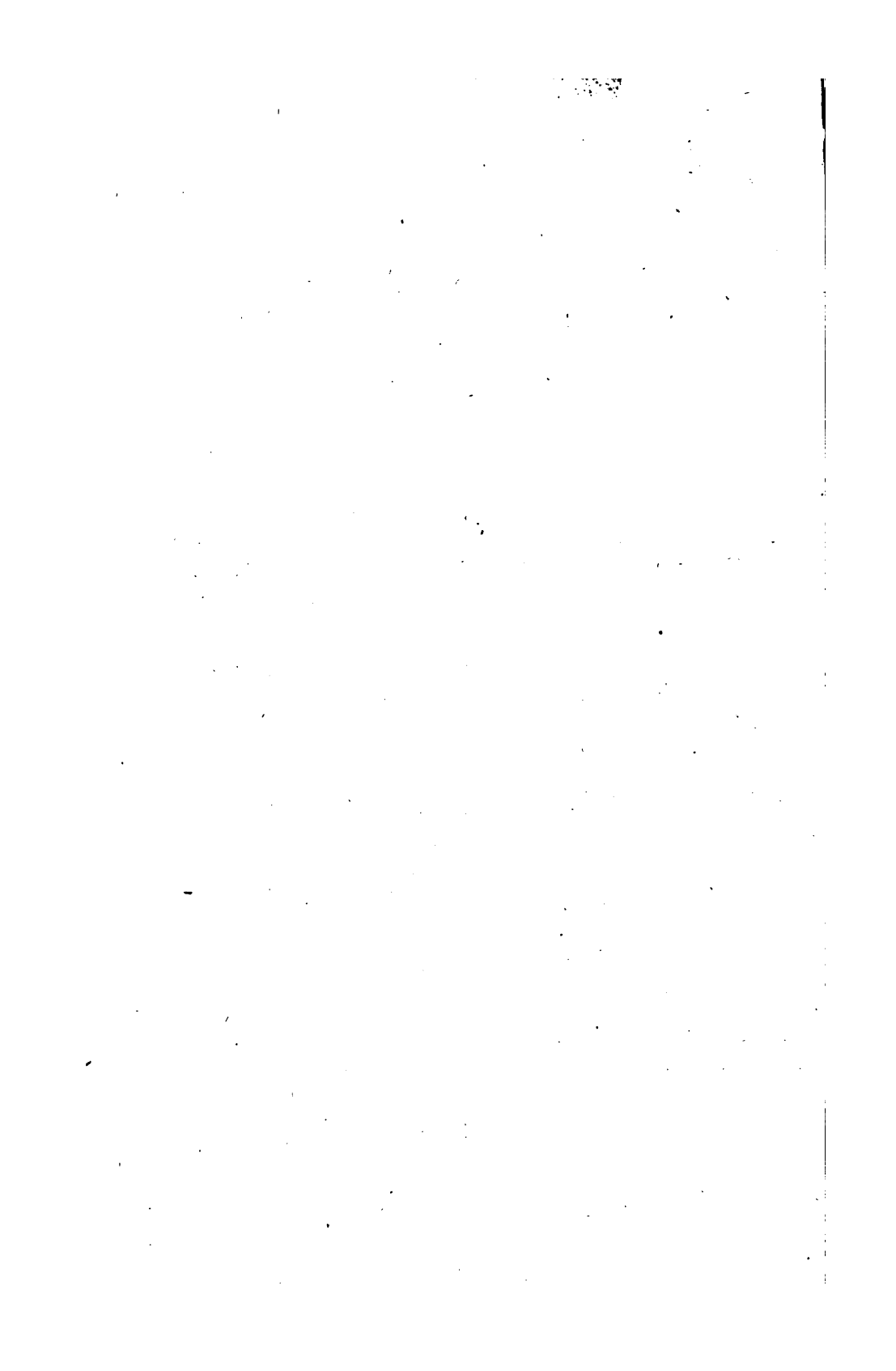
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MORNING SERVICE.

¶ *The Morning Service is to be introduced by the following Address, from the Minister to the People, the congregation rising up.*

Minister.

‘ **O** BE joyful in the LORD all
 ‘ ye people : serve the LORD
 ‘ with gladness ; and enter into
 ‘ his courts with praise.

‘ Know ye that the LORD he is
 ‘ GOD ; it is he who hath made us,
 ‘ and not we ourselves ; we are his
 ‘ people, and the sheep of his pasture.

‘ Let us come into his presence with
 ‘ thanksgiving : let us give unto the
 ‘ LORD the glory due unto his name.

‘ For the LORD is GOOD ; his MERCY
 ‘ is everlasting ; and his TRUTH endureth
 ‘ to all generations.’

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People.

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People.

*Unto the LORD our GOD will we
lift up our souls, and magnify his name
together.*

¶ *The Introductory Prayer; to be read
by the Minister alone.*

O HOLY, holy, LORD GOD
almighty, before whom all crea-
tures bow; may we celebrate thy per-
fections, and speak of thy wonderful
works, with attention and reverence;
give thanks unto thee, and sing thy
praises, with joy and gladness; humble
ourselves before thee with sincere, and
contrite hearts; and pray unto thee un-
der a just sense of our dependence upon
thy providence; and with fervent cha-
rity to all men: and may these our
devotions, which we offer up in the
name, and as the disciples of JESUS
CHRIST, be acceptable to thee, O
GOD, our strength and our redeemer.
Amen.

This

¶ *This HYMN for celebrating the DIVINE PERFECTIONS ; or the following, for celebrating the DIVINE WORKS, is to be recited by the Minister and People alternately, all standing.*

Minister.

WE praise thee, O GOD; we worship thee, the most glorious and excellent being; the creator and governor of all things, visible and invisible.

*We praise
and wor-
ship the most
high GOD;
who is*

People.

O LORD GOD, thou art greatly to be praised; and to be had in reverence by all who draw nigh unto thee.

Minister.

We acknowledge thee, the one, living, and true GOD: GOD in heaven above, and earth beneath, and throughout all worlds: there is none besides thee.

One,

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People.

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People.

*Unto us there is but one GOD;
to whom be glory for ever.*

Minister.

Eternal,-

Thou alone art from everlasting, without beginning of days, or end of years; thou livest, and reignest for ever and ever.

People.

*We magnify thee, the high and
lofty One, who inhabitest eternity.*

Minister.

Invisible,

Thou art a spiritual and incorruptible being; who dwellest in light inaccessible, and full of glory; whom no mortal eye hath seen, or can see.

People.

*We would worship thee, who art
a spirit, in spirit and in truth.*

Minister.

*Omnipre-
sent,*

Infinite art thou, O GOD: thou dwellest not in temples made with hands; the universe is thy temple; thou art present at all times in every part of thy dominion.

Peo-

People.

*In thee we live, and move,
and have our being.*

Minister.

Thine is the greatness, and *Omnipotent,*
the power, and the glory, and
the majesty: all things in heaven
and in earth are thine: thine is
the kingdom, and thou art to
be worshiped as LORD over all.

People.

*Thou art great, and greatly
to be feared; thy greatness is un-
searchable.*

Minister.

Thou art perfect in wisdom, *Omniscient,*
wonderful in council, and excel-
lent in all thy works.

People.

*To the only wise GOD, be
honour and glory for ever.*

Minister.

Holy art thou, O GOD; thou *Holy,*
art of purer eyes than to be-
hold iniquity; thy countenance
regardeth the upright.

Peo-

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People.

*We reverence thy name; for
thou art holy.*

Minister.

Just,

Thy righteousness is like the
great mountains; thy truth reach-
eth to the heavens: justice and
judgment are the everlasting foun-
dations of thy throne.

People.

*Just and true are all thy ways,
O thou king of saints.*

Minister.

and Good;

Thou art good, thou doest
good continually; the earth is
full of thy goodness; and all thy
works bear testimony to thy rich
and overflowing bounty: every
good, and every perfect gift is
from above, and cometh down
from thee the FATHER OF ALL.

People.

*O LORD, thy goodness is
above all praise; universal as thy
works, and endless as eternity.*

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Minister.

All glory and honour; blessing to whom be
Glory for
ever.
and praise; might, majesty and
dominion be unto GOD for ever.

Amen.

¶ *Instead of the foregoing, may be
used, at the choice of the Mi-
nister, the following HYMN,
for celebrating the DIVINE
WORKS.*

Minister:

O GOD the Creator and go- General AB
of Praise
to GOD
vernour of all things; we
praise thee, we worship thee, the
most excellent and glorious be-
ing, infinite and unchangeable
in power, wisdom, and goodness.

People.

*Power, wisdom, and goodness,
are thine, O LORD.*

Minister.

We praise thee, O GOD, we for Know-
ledge of
him by his
Works.
magnify thee, for making known
unto us these thy perfections;
and

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and that by thy works which we behold, thou art leading us to the contemplation and love of thee, the fountain of life, and the author of all good.

People.

With our whole hearts will we praise thee ; and speak of thy marvellous works.

Minister.

*General
View of
the Works
of GOD.*

With admiration and joy do we behold the beauty, order, and magnificence of thy creation : thereby are we led to acknowledge thine eternal being and providence ; and to worship thee, the author and conductor of all things.

People.

All thy works praise thee, and we thy people bless thee.

Minister.

*The bea-
venly Bodies,*

In wisdom hast thou stretched out the firmament, and the heavens are the work of thy hands ; the sun, moon, and stars thou hast

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hast ordained to fulfil thy pleasure: these declare thine almighty power, and universal goodness.

People.

The heavens, and all the hosts of heaven worship thee.

Minister.

The air which we breathe is Ar,
thy wise provision; thou coverest the heavens with clouds; thou preparest the rain, and the dew; thou causest thy winds to blow; thou sendest forth thy commandment; all things are obedient to the voice of thy word.

People.

These are thy wonderful works; thy name be praised for ever.

Minister.

Of old hast thou laid the foundations of the earth: Earth,
thou hast clothed it with grass; furnished it with herbs; adorned it with flowers; and enriched it with every thing necessary for the support and happiness of thy creatures.

C

Peo-

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People.

*The earth is thine, O LORD,
thou hast filled it with the riches
of thy goodness.*

Minister.

Seasons,

The constant succession of day
and night; and the grateful re-
turn of summer and winter, seed-
time and harvest, are the graci-
ous appointments of thy provi-
dence.

People.

*The day is thine; the night
also is thine; thy goodness endu-
reth for ever.*

Minister.

*Animal
World,*

The birds of the air, the fishes
of the sea, and the cattle upon a
thousand hills are thine; thou
sendest forth thy spirit, they are
created; thou renewest the face
of the Earth.

People.

*Thou openest thy hand; they
are filled with good.*

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Minister.

Thou art the Creator, and Fa- *Manind.*
ther of mankind; thou hast made
us in thine own image, to con-
temple thy works, and shew
forth thy praise.

People.

*We are thine offspring; we will
praise and exalt thee for ever.*

Minister.

Great and marvellous are all
thy works, O LORD GOD
almighty! thou hast made hea-
ven, and the heaven of heavens,
with all their hosts; the earth,
and all the things that are there-
in; the sea, and all that is in it;
and thou preservest them con-
tinually.

People.

O LORD, how manifold
are thy works!---In wisdom hast
thou made them all.

¶ *Here the First Lesson is to be read out of the HOLY SCRIPTURES; after which the Service is to proceed with the following Thanksgivings; the congregation rising up.*

Minister.

“ LET us now offer up unto GOD
 “ our sincere and humble thanksgivings,
 “ for his great goodness to us, and to
 “ all mankind.

“ O give thanks unto the LORD
 “ ye his people, give thanks at the
 “ remembrance of his goodness.

“ Let us meditate upon his mercies
 “ with delight; and let the words of
 “ our mouths, and the actions of our
 “ lives, shew forth his praise.”

People.

*Bless the LORD, O our souls, and
 forget not all his benefits.*

Minister.

*General AB
 of Thankf-
 giving*

WE thank thee, O Father,
 LORD of heaven and
 earth, for the innumerable mer-
 cies

cies thou hast bestowed upon us.
 We acknowledge, with all gratitude and joy, the gift of life: thine almighty voice hath called *for Creation,* us into being; and thy hand hath placed us in this part of thy glorious works.

We thank thee for the wise and useful frame of our bodies; and for the nobler powers of our minds; by which we are enabled *Powers of Body and Mind,* to contemplate the beauty of thy works, and the wonderful order of thy providence; and to attain to the knowledge, and love of thee, the Creator of the world, and the Author of all good.

We thank thee that thou hast implanted in us a sense of good and evil; and the amiable affections of benevolence and compassion; hereby leading us to the admiration and love of goodness; and to the enjoyment of that happiness, which arises from the practice of virtue, and true religion.

“ O

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“ O that men would praise the
 “ LORD for his goodness; and
 “ for his wonderful works to the
 “ children of men.”

People.

*We praise the LORD for his
 goodness; and for his wonderful
 works to the children of men.*

Minister.

*Preserva-
 tion and
 Blessings of
 Life.*

We thank thee, O ever boun-
 tiful and most gracious G O D,
 for the continual preservation of
 our lives: in thy hand is the life
 of every living creature, and the
 breath of all mankind: our food
 and raiment are the daily gifts of
 thy bounty: thou givest us health-
 ful and fruitful seasons, and fillest
 our hearts with joy and gladness:
 the blessings of friendship, liberty,
 and equal government, are thy
 wise and benevolent appointment.

“ O that men would praise the
 “ LORD for his goodness; and
 “ for his wonderful works to the
 “ children of men.”

Peo-

People.

We praise the LORD for his goodness; and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister.

We bless thee, O heavenly Father, that thy goodness to mankind is not confined to this present world; but that thou hast awakened in us the pleasing hope of immortality; and by the various means of thy providence and grace, art training us up for a heavenly and everlasting life.

*Hope of
Immortality,*

We thank thee for the instructions and examples of wise and good men in every age; and for every opportunity of attaining that measure of knowledge and virtue which is necessary to our happiness.

*Means of
Improvement,*

But above all we praise and magnify thee, for the rich display of thy goodness, in the manifestation of thy Son CHRIST JESUS; whom thou hast raised up

*Salvation
by JESUS
CHRIST.*

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up to bless mankind; to turn them from darkness to light; and from the power of sin, to the worship and obedience of thee, the true GOD.

We acknowledge with the highest gratitude, the perfect doctrine of our blessed Saviour; that by him thou hast given us thy heavenly truth; to enlighten our minds, to sanctify our hearts, and guide our feet in the way of peace; and that in his life thou hast set before us an example of the most exalted goodness, to animate our endeavours, and to encourage us to press forward continually.

We thank thee for the promises of thy mercy and forgiveness, upon repentance, and newness of life; for the assurance of thy gracious influence to help our infirmities; and for the blessed hope of immortality, confirmed to us in the Gospel.

We rejoice in the exceeding riches of thy grace; that thou hast exalted thy Son JESUS to be a Prince, and a Saviour; and that through thy wife and
merciful

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merciful appointment, he is the Author of eternal salvation to all those who obey him.

“ O that men would praise the LORD
“ for his goodness; and for his wonderful
“ works to the children of men.”

People.

*Blessed be the GOD and Father of
our LORD JESUS CHRIST,
for his goodness; and for his wonderful
works to the children of men.*

¶ *Here a Psalm of Praise, or Thanksgiv-
ing is to be sung; and after that the
Second Lesson read, out of the NEW
TESTAMENT.*

¶ *Then the Service must proceed with
the following Address, the congregation
rising up.*

Minister.

“ IF we say we have no sin, we de-
“ ceive ourselves, and the truth is not
“ in us.

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“ IF

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“ If we confess and forsake our sins,
“ GOD is faithful and just to forgive
“ us, and to cleanse us from all un-
“ righteousness.

“ Let us therefore, my christian bre-
“ thren, with humble and contrite
“ hearts confess our sins at the throne
“ of the heavenly grace.”

¶ *The GENERAL CONFESSION; to be read
by the Minister alone, the whole Con-
gregation kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our
LORD JESUS CHRIST, Maker
of all things, and Judge of all men: we
acknowledge and lament before thee,
the manifold errors and follies of our
lives: we have not duly hearkened to
the voice of thy word: we have followed
too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts: we have been too unmind-
ful of thy goodness; and ungrateful to
thee, our continual benefactor: we have
not always done unto others as we would
that they should do unto us: we have
departed

departed from the ways of thy commandments; and exposed ourselves to thy righteous displeasure: our only hope is in thy mercy, which endureth for ever. We bow ourselves before the throne of thy grace, imploring thy pardon: O GOD have mercy upon the work of thy hands: hear our supplications, we beseech thee: forgive and accept thy people; according to thy promises by CHRIST JESUS, our LORD; and may we hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the following Prayers are to be read, the congregation still kneeling, and saying Amen, at the conclusion of each Prayer.*

A Prayer for Repentance and Pardon.

O GRACIOUS GOD, our heavenly Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hast

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encouraged us to hope for thy mercy upon repentance, and amendment of life; we desire, with our whole hearts, to return to the obedience of thy commandments: may we from henceforth forsake every evil way; correct whatever is wrong in our temper and conduct; and delight in the practice of every thing good and virtuous; that we may obtain from thee, the GOD of all mercy, the forgiveness of our sins; and an inheritance among those who are sanctified.
Amen.

For religious Wisdom.

O FATHER of lights, and fountain of knowledge, open the eyes of our minds, and enlighten us with true wisdom: may we have pure and worthy apprehensions of thy nature and providence: lead us to a right understanding of that religion which is acceptable to thee, and recommended to us in the Gospel of thy Son: may we evermore discern, approve, and practice, the things which are excellent; and by a life devoted

voted to thy service, be prepared for the glorious and everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.
Amen.

For good Dispositions.

EVER blessed and most holy GOD, who searchest the hearts of men; and before all thingsregardest the virtuous and upright mind; we beseech thee that our hearts may be endued with every good and pious disposition: and that all the great truths of religion may have a powerful and lasting influence, in correcting the vices of our minds, and amending the disorders of our lives; that by purity and righteousness, we may approve ourselves to thee, the judge of all the earth. *Amen.*

Piety to G O D.

WE desire at all times, to retain a most devout sense, and holy admiration, of thine excellent nature; to reverence thine authority; to look up
 unto

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unto thee with satisfaction and joy, as the giver of all good ; to love thee with all our hearts ; to delight in thy service ; to be thankful for thine innumerable, and undeserved mercies ; to confide in thine all-gracious providence ; and to yield an unreserved, and grateful obedience, to all thy holy commandments. *Amen.*

Charity to Mankind.

AS children of the GOD of all love and mercy ; as members of the society of mankind ; and the common disciples of JESUS, we desire to put on bowels of mercy, kindness, compassion, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering ; forbearing one another, forgiving one another. We would do unto all men, as we desire they should do unto us ; and in the constant exercise of justice and honesty, humanity and mercy, fulfil the gracious purposes of thy providence, and live in peace and charity with all men. *Amen.*

Self-

Self-government.

UNDER a deep sense of our obligations, as thine offspring, and the sacred duties of our profession, as the disciples of JESUS, who hath called us to glory and virtue, and the joyful hope of immortality, we earnestly desire to maintain a constant government over ourselves; to be sober, chaste, and temperate in all things; and to direct our views to a future state, in joyful expectation of thy mercy unto eternal life.
Amen.

For Sincerity.

O EVER present, most holy, and righteous God! before whom all things are open; may our hearts be upright in thy sight: in whatever station thou art pleased to appoint our lot; and wherever we are, in public, or in private, may it be our uniform and steady purpose, to discharge our duty with fidelity: may we never remove our integrity from us: and in that solemn day when
thou

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thou supreme over all, shalt judge the world by JESUS CHRIST, may we be able to appear with humble confidence and joy ; and be admitted into his glorious and everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Submission to the Divine Providence.

O LORD GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and in earth, and who art the Author of every good and perfect gift ; we submit ourselves to the disposal of that wisdom which cannot err, and to the care of that goodness which is unchangeable and everlasting : lead us whither thou pleasest ; place us in what circumstances thou shalt judge proper : we would do thy whole will with fidelity and pleasure ; we would bear thy whole will with submission and patience : defend us, O gracious Father, from every real evil ; confer upon us every needful good ; may all events conspire to the improvement and establishment of our virtue ; and may we be conducted by
thine

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thine unerring hand, through all the changes of this mortal life, and finally admitted to the everlasting habitations of the just, which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants by JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. *Amen.*

¶ *Instead of the following Prayers, the GENERAL INTERCESSION may be read, at the choice of the Minister.*

A Prayer for all Mankind.

ALMIGHTY, and everlasting GOD, who hast taught us to offer up prayers, supplications, and intercessions for all men, we beseech thee to extend thy mercy and favour to all mankind: may all the families and kingdoms of the earth be brought to the knowledge, and pure worship of thee, the only true GOD: enlarge the kingdom of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that kingdom of truth and righteousness, which shall never be destroyed: put an end to all idolatry, superstition, and false religion:

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may pure, and uncorrupted Christianity prevail: may all who profess the faith of CHRIST, be shining examples of goodness: may the spirit of persecution for ever cease; and may truth and righteousness, peace and charity, every where abound. *Amen.*

For our Country.

O LORD GOD, high and mighty, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; look down with favour and mercy upon the kingdoms of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, and all our colonies and provinces: may a speedy and effectual stop be put to the progress of immorality and profaneness: may public virtue prevail; and on that lasting foundation, may the public happiness be established: may our liberties be preserved inviolate, and handed down to the latest posterity. Bless us with healthful times, and fruitful seasons: crown the year with thy goodness: dispose us all to a grateful and temperate enjoy-

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enjoyment of the bounties of thy providence; and may we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and walking before thee, in holiness and righteousness, all our days.
Amen.

For the King.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the king of kings, and lord of lords, we humbly beseech thee to send down the choicest of thy blessings upon thy servant GEORGE our king: in wisdom and righteousness, in justice and clemency, may he rule thy people: may all his endeavours to promote the virtue and happiness, and to perpetuate the freedom of his subjects, be crowned with success: may the years of his government be many, prosperous, and happy: may we evermore have reason to rejoice in him, as the minister of thy providence to us for good; and may he at length be rewarded in thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the Queen and Royal Family.

O GOD the fountain of all goodness, we beseech thee to visit, with thine especial favour, our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE; the Prince of WALES; the Princess Dowager of WALES; and all the Royal Family: may they cultivate all those amiable and princely virtues, which will render them the ornaments of their high stations, and extensive blessings to mankind: grant them happiness in this world, and in that which is to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

For the Nobility and Magistrates.

MAY it please thee, O GOD, the fountain of all power, to bless the king's counsellors, the nobility, judges, and the whole body of the magistracy of this land: may they do the duties of their stations with understanding and wisdom, with integrity and honour; and under them may we, and all thy people, lead peaceable and quiet lives, in all
godli-

godliness and honesty ; keeping the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace, and righteousness of life. *Amen.*

For the Parliament.

[*To be read only when sitting.*]

O GOD of infinite wisdom, preside we intreat thee, in the great council of the nation, at this time in parliament assembled ; direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory ; the good of thy church ; the safety, honour, and welfare of our sovereign, and his kingdoms : and may all things be so ordered by their endeavours, that peace and liberty, truth and justice, religion and virtue, may be established amongst us, to all generations. *Amen.*

For the Ministers of Religion.

O GOD, the Father of lights, and fountain of all good, endue the ministers of thy true religion, of every denomi-

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denomination, and in every part of the Christian world, with the spirit and temper of CHRIST JESUS: may they diligently pursue the good work of instructing the ignorant, and reforming the vicious; and in all the duties of their office may they conduct themselves, not as having dominion over the faith of Christians, but as examples to their flocks; and by the excellency of their doctrines, and the holiness of their lives, may they save themselves, and those who hear them. *Amen.*

For those who are in Affliction.

MOST merciful, and gracious GOD, the GOD of all consolation and good hope, we humbly recommend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any-ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate: [*those especially for whom our prayers are desired*] be thou, in thy great mercy, a father to the fatherless; and the defender of the widow; provide for the poor; give health to the sick;

sick; and ease to those who are in pain; deliver those who are oppressed; and comfort those who mourn: support thy faithful servants who are in bonds, or in any manner persecuted for righteousness sake; give them fortitude in the day of trial, and, in due time, a happy deliverance out of all their afflictions. And from the various calamities we meet with in human life, either in ourselves or others, may we learn to pity the distressed; to mourn with those who mourn; to be patient under all the appointments of thy providence; and be excited to the pursuit of that happiness, which ariseth from the practice of virtue and religion, and the glorious hope of immortality: and this we ask in the name, and as the disciples of JESUS CHRIST, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting GOD, who hast safely brought us to the return of
this

this day ; and haft permitted us to make our united fupplications unto thee ; defend us through the fame, by thy grace and power. Accept the praifes, and hear the prayers we have offered up to thy divine majefty : and fulfil, O LORD, the defires and petitions of thy fervants, as may be moft expedient for them ; granting us in this world, knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven ; hallowed be thy name : thy kingdom come : thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven : give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trefpaffes, as we forgive thofe who trefpafs againft us ; and lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here a Pfalm muft be fung, while the Minifter is preparing for the pulpit.*

¶ *The*

- ¶ *The Benediction is to be pronounced by the Minister, at the conclusion of the whole Service.*
- ¶ *Instead of the foregoing Prayers, the following GENERAL INTERCESSION may be used, at the choice of the Minister.*

T H E

General Intercession.

O GOD, the Creator of heaven and earth, the common Father of all mankind; we thy servants do beseech thee to hear us, not only in our prayers for ourselves, but in our intercessions for all our brethren and fellow creatures: make thy ways known upon earth, and thy saving health unto all nations; that all mankind may be united in the pure and holy worship of thee, the true and living GOD, as the disciples of JESUS CHRIST, whom thou hast sent. *Amen.*

F Send

Send down thy heavenly blessing upon every part of the Christian world : put an end to all persecution, and usurpation over the judgments and consciences of mankind ; lead all professing Christians to the right understanding and practice of our holy religion ; unite their minds in charity and godly love ; and may their light so shine before men, that others seeing their good works, may glorify thee, our Father, who art in heaven.
Amen.

In thine own due time, put an end to all the disorders and calamities introduced into this world, by the pride, ambition, and tyranny of wicked men ; and give unto all mankind unity, peace, and concord. *Amen.*

Preserve the peace, liberty, and happiness of our native country ; defend us from the designs of our enemies, and from all great and wasting calamities ; and confirm, and continue to us, that wise and equal government, under which,
in

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in thy great mercy, thou hast placed us.
Amen.

Keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant GEORGE, our most gracious king: establish his heart in thy faith, fear, and love: may he evermore confide in thee, and seek thy honour and glory; and be thou his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all our enemies. *Amen.*

Bless and preserve our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE; the Prince of WALES; the Princess Dowager of WALES; and all the Royal Family. *Amen.*

May the lords of the council, and all the nobility, be eminent for wisdom, piety, and virtue. *Amen.*

[Preside in the high court of parliament, at this time assembled; and over-rule all their debates and consultations, for the public good. *Amen.*]

*To be read
only when
the Par-
liament is
sitting.*

Bless

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Bless the judges, and all the magistrates of these lands: may they execute justice; maintain peace; be a terror to evil-doers; and a protection to those who do well. *Amen.*

Bless the ministers of the Christian religion, with true knowledge, and understanding of thy word: may they be faithful in the discharge of their important duty; that by the power of truth, and the influence of a good example, they may turn many to righteousness. *Amen.*

Bless our universities, and all schools and seminaries of learning: may they promote the true principles of religion, virtue, and liberty; and may all useful knowledge more generally prevail. *Amen.*

Bless all thy people: dispose their hearts truly to fear and love thee; to receive thy word with pure affection; to do the duties of their several stations with fidelity; to bring forth the fruits of the spirit;

spirit; and diligently to live after thy commandments. *Amen.*

Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived; strengthen such as do stand; raise up those who fall; comfort those who mourn; bind up the broken-hearted; assist all who are in necessity or trouble; and have compassion upon all who are afflicted. *Amen.*

Preserve all those who are travelling by land or by water; all women labouring with child; all sick persons, and young children: support the aged; provide for the fatherless, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed; and shew thy mercy to all prisoners and captives; especially to such as are suffering for righteousness sake. *Amen.*

Bless our friends; reward our benefactors; forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and turn their hearts.

People.

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People.

May it please thee, O GOD, to have mercy upon all men.

Minister.

May the GOD, and Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Father of mercies, the GOD of all consolations, hear our prayers.

People.

Graciously hear us, O GOD, our heavenly Father.

A concluding Prayer.

Minister.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful GOD, who hast permitted us at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; fulfil the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth; and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

¶ *Here a Psalm must be sung, while the Minister is preparing for the pulpit.*

EVENING

EVENING SERVICE.

¶ *This Service must be introduced by the following Address, from the Minister to the People, the congregation rising up.*

Minister.

“ **H**EAR all ye people, give ear all
“ ye inhabitants of the world ;
“ for the **LORD GOD** omnipotent
“ reigneth. Let the heaven and the
“ earth praise him ; the seas, and every
“ thing that moveth therein. Sing unto
“ the **LORD**, and give thanks at the
“ remembrance of his goodness. Trust
“ in him at all times, ye people ; pour
“ out your hearts before him ; for
“ **GOD** is our refuge. He knoweth
“ our thoughts, and will render to every
“ man according to his works. Offer
“ therefore unto him the sacrifices of
“ righteousness ; for in his presence is
“ fulness

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“fulness of joy, and at his right hand
“are pleasures for evermore.”

People.

*The LORD reigneth; let the earth
rejoice.*

¶ *The Introductory Prayer; to be read
by the Minister alone.*

O EVER blessed, and most glorious
LORD our GOD, the object of
supreme veneration, on whom all the
families of the earth continually de-
pend: we would present ourselves be-
fore thee with reverence and humility:
we would offer up unto thee our sacri-
fices of praise and thanksgiving, with
joy and gratitude. By celebrating thy
perfections, may we be excited to an
ardent love and imitation of thee, our
Father in heaven: and may the remem-
brance of thy great goodness to us, and
to all mankind, incline us to love and
serve one another as brethren. May we
confess our sins with unfeigned sorrow,
and steady purposes of amendment: may
we

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we pray unto thee, as the bountiful dispenser of every good thing: may our intercessions be accompanied with charity to all men: may we serve thee with freedom and delight; and keep a watchful guard over ourselves, at all times; more especially whilst we are employed in the awful and important duties of thy house: may no vain thoughts distract our minds; no unworthy object withdraw our affections; but may our whole hearts be engaged in thy worship; and the influence of these our religious services be abundantly shewn forth in the actions of our lives. All which we pray for in the name, and as the disciples of JESUS CHRIST, our LORD.
Amen.

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¶ *Then the following HYMN, for celebrating the DIVINE PERFECTIONS, is to be recited by the Minister and People alternately, all standing.*

Minister.

*We praise
the true,
and living
G O D,*

WE praise thee, O GOD,
we worship thee, the one,
true, and living GOD; who art
infinite, and unchangeable, in all
thy perfections.

People.

*Blessed art thou, O LORD
GOD; and worthy to be praised
for ever.*

Minister.

*the Crea-
tor, and
Preserver;
who is*

Thou, O GOD, art king of
kings, lord of lords, the great
and only potentate, the Creator
and Preserver of all things: thou
didst speak, and the world was
made; thy providence supports
the works of thy hands; and the
happiness of thy creatures, is the
end of all.

People.

People.

*Thou art God over all, blessed
for evermore.*

Minister.

Before the mountains were *Eternal,*
brought forth, or ever thou hadst
formed the earth, and the world;
from everlasting to everlasting,
thou art GOD.

People.

*Thou livest, and reignest for
ever.*

Minister.

Thou art the LORD, and *Immuta-*
changeest not: of old hast thou *ble,*
laid the foundations of the earth;
and the heavens are the work of
thy hands: these shall perish, but
thou shalt endure; thy counsel
standeth fast; and thy thoughts
unto all generations.

People.

*Thou art the same yesterday, to-
day, and for ever.*

Minister.

Invisible,

We adore and worship thee, a pure and spiritual being, whom no man hath seen, or can see: thou passest by us on every side, but we behold thee not: thou continually workest wonders on the right hand, and on the left; but we do not perceive thee.

People.

Thou art a spirit; and they who worship thee, must worship in spirit, and in truth.

Minister.

Omnipresent,

Whither can we flee from thy presence! heaven is thy throne; the earth thy footstool; and the universe thy habitation.

People.

All things are full of thee.

Minister.

Omnipotent,

Who can withstand thy power! the mountains shake from their foundations; the rocks melt like wax; and the earth trembleth at thy presence: thou doest what-ever

ever thou pleasest in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the world.

People.

With the LORD our GOD is everlasting strength.

Minister.

Thou hast founded the earth by thy wisdom; and stretched out the heavens by thine understanding: by thy knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew: thou art mighty in wisdom, wonderful in counsel, and excellent in all thy works.

Wise,

People.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

Minister.

Thou art the righteous LORD, who exercise judgment in the earth: thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy faithfulness reacheth above the clouds; eternal truth is thy law.

Just,

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People.

*Upright art thou, O LORD;
all thy works are just and true.*

Minister.

Holy,

O LORD GOD, holy and reverend is thy name: thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: sinners cannot stand before thee; but the upright in heart are always in the light of thy countenance.

People.

*We reverence thee, O GOD,
for thou art holy.*

Minister.

and Merciful;

Above all we praise thee, we worship thee, as the LORD GOD gracious and merciful; the GOD of love, and of all consolation: thou exercisest loving-kindness and benignity: thou delightest to make all thy creatures happy: thou doest good continually; and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

People.

People.

O that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister.

But who, O LORD, can shew forth all thy praise! we behold the monuments of thy power; we trace the footsteps of thy wisdom; and every moment of our lives partake of the riches of thy goodness; but none can say, how great, and wise, and good thou art.

People.

Who can find out thee, the almighty, unto perfection!

Minister.

With one consent, and with our whole hearts, we would celebrate thy glorious perfections here below, until our souls grow up to a due preparation for thy kingdom and service above; there to worship thee in a more perfect manner, through the ages of eternity.

*and will
celebrate
his Perfec-
tions for
ever.*

Amen.

¶ *Here*

¶ *Here the First Lesson is to be read out of the HOLY SCRIPTURES; after which the Service is to proceed with the following THANKSGIVING, the congregation standing.*

Minister.

“ REJOICE in the LORD, all ye
 “ people: come into his presence with
 “ thanksgiving; and be devout and joy-
 “ ful in his service. Sing praises unto
 “ him, and bless him; for he is good,
 “ and his mercy endureth for ever.”

People.

*We will give thanks unto the LORD;
 and celebrate his goodness with joyful
 hearts.*

Minister.

*General
 All of
 Thankgi-
 ving,*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father
 of mercies; we would offer
 unto thee our unfeigned thank-
 givings for the discoveries thou
 hast made of thyself in the works
 of thy hands; and for thy good-
 ness and loving-kindness to us,
 and to all men. We

We thank thee for our crea-
 tion; for the excellent form of
 our bodies; for the breath of
 life; the light of reason, and
 conscience; the benevolent and
 friendly affections; and all the
 noble and useful powers of our
 minds.

*for Crea-
 tion; and
 Powers of
 Body, and
 Mind,*

We thank thee for our conti-
 nual preservation; for the food
 we eat; the raiment with which
 we are cloathed; the habitations
 wherein we dwell; for capacity
 and ability to perform the duties
 of our stations; for health and
 peace, to enjoy the blessings of
 thy providence; for our present
 safety; and the opportunity we
 now enjoy of expressing, in this
 public manner, the grateful sen-
 timents of our minds.

*Preserva-
 tion, and
 Blessings
 of Life,*

We thank thee for peaceable
 times, and healthful and fruitful
 seasons; for the administration of
 wise and equal laws; for the con-
 tinuance of our liberties, both ci-

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vil and religious; for every personal and family blessing; for every friendly and social enjoyment; and for all the agreeable and happy circumstances of our lives.

People.

These are the gifts of thy bounty; thy name be praised for ever.

Minister.

*Redemp-
tion by
JESUS
CHRIST,*

But above all we bless thee, O ever gracious Father, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, by our LORD JESUS CHRIST; for the means of grace, and the hopes of glory. We thank thee for those pure and heavenly doctrines which he hath taught, to lead mankind in the way of truth, and salvation; for those holy and excellent rules of virtue and true religion, which he hath laid down in his gospel; and for the amiable and perfect example which he hath left us, that we might follow his steps.


steps. We thank thee, that in obedience to thine authority, and to fulfil all righteousness, he submitted unto death; that being *his Death,* made perfect by suffering, he might become the Author of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

And finally we bless thee, the GOD and Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that by raising *and Resurrection.* him from the dead, thou hast confirmed to us the glorious and rejoicing hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and which fadeth not away, reserved in the heavens for us.

People.

*Glory be to GOD in the highest;
on earth peace; good will to men.*

Minister.

O LORD our GOD, who can number all thy mercies! thy bounty prevents our requests; seasonably supplies every returning want, and gives us all things
H  richly

richly to enjoy. Write a law of thankfulness on our hearts, we beseech thee, and grant that we may walk before thee, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives. *Amen.*

¶ *Here a Psalm of Praise, or Thanksgiving, is to be sung; and after that the Second Lesson read, out of the NEW TESTAMENT, except on the first Sunday in the Month, when the Ten Commandments, and our Saviour's Summary of the Moral Law, are to be read, instead of the Second Lesson, in the Evening Service; for which purpose they are printed together after the Occasional Forms.*

¶ *Then the Service must proceed with the following Address to the People.*

Minister.

“ SURELY it is meet to be said
“ unto GOD we have done iniquity.

“ To the LORD our GOD belong
“ mercies and forgiveness, though we
“ have sinned against him :

“ Let

“ Let us therefore confess and lament
 “ our manifold transgressions, before the
 “ throne of the heavenly grace.”

¶ *The GENERAL CONFESSIO*N; *to be*
read by the Minister alone, the People
kneeling.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Fa-
 ther, we confess that in many
 things we have all offended: we have
 not behaved as thy children, and as the
 disciples of our blessed Saviour: we have
 not duly improved the talents with which
 thou hast intrusted us: we have too often
 neglected our duty to ourselves, and to
 our fellow men; and our consciences
 witness against us. With humble and
 penitent hearts, we lament before thee,
 O our Father, every instance of disobe-
 dience; whatever we have done amiss
 in thought, word, or deed; every of-
 fence against thee, our neighbour, or
 ourselves: and if we have been injuri-
 ous, unjust, or have dealt deceitfully;
 if we have forgotten thy great loving-
 kindness,

kindness, and departed from our character as men, and as christians, forgive us, according to thy promises by CHRIST JESUS our LORD; forgive our sins, we beseech thee, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness: and may we bring forth the fruits which are meet for repentance, by walking in newness of life, and studying to abound in holiness, and every good work. *Amen.*

¶ Then the following Prayers are to be read by the Minister alone, the congregation still kneeling, and saying Amen, at the conclusion of each Prayer.

A Prayer for the Pardon of Sin.

Minister.

O LORD GOD, whose nature is to have mercy, and to forgive, behold with compassion thy penitent creatures. Thou knowest our frame; thou remembrest that we are but dust: be merciful unto us, O GOD, be merciful unto us: may thy goodness lead us to repent-

repentance ; to destroy every evil inclination and habit, and to form our minds to a virtuous and heavenly temper. May we have a fixed abhorrence of sin ; and hereafter live soberly, righteously, and piously in this world, in humble expectation of thy mercy unto eternal life, declared to mankind by CHRIST JESUS, our LORD. *Amen.*

*A Prayer founded on the Perfections
of G O D.*

O GOD, the unchangeable, and everlasting fountain of life, perfection, and happiness ; we lift up our hearts unto thee, the greatest, wisest, and best of beings : from the contemplation of thy works, may we daily increase in the knowledge of thee ; attain to more pure and worthy conceptions of thy nature, and providence ; and ever manifest a becoming reverence for thy perfections ; and a just concern for thine honour and service. Under a due sense of thine almighty power, we would avoid thy displeasure,

pleasure, as the worst of evils: from a full persuasion that thou art wise in counsel, faithful in thy promises, and righteous in all thy ways, we repose an unreserved confidence in all the measures of thy providence: as a being perfectly good, we would love thee with all our hearts, and rejoice in thine universal government. Above all we desire to yield a chearful obedience to thy commandments; and by the persevering love and practice of righteousness, in this world, we humbly pray that we may at length be prepared for thy glorious worship in the heavenly world above. *Amen.*

A Prayer respecting relative Duties.

O GOD, who art love, and who dwellest in love; may we earnestly endeavour to imitate thy constant and universal goodness: may we behave in our several stations with integrity and benevolence; and discover the true spirit of piety and goodness in all the relations of life: may we walk within our houses
with

with perfect hearts; be faithful and affectionate to our friends; and just and charitable to all men: may we put on the ornament of a meek, compassionate, and forgiving spirit; and may every good and generous disposition be daily improving in our breasts, until we become fit for that happy kingdom, where love, and peace, and joy reign for evermore. *Amen.*

*Self-government, and the personal
Virtues.*

O GOD of wisdom, teach us the knowledge of ourselves; may we keep our hearts with all diligence; and amidst the trials and changes of this world, maintain a constant habit of self-government: in prosperity may we be humble, temperate, and charitable; remembering that we are men: in adversity may we be patient, and wholly resigned to thine unerring providence. Save us, O gracious GOD, from anger and malice; from revenge and uncharitableness;

tableness; from pride and presumption; from the shares of the wicked, and the fatal influence of every evil example: give us prudence to direct our affairs; resolution to preserve our innocence; and wisdom and constancy to retain our integrity as long as we live. *Amen.*

A Prayer relating to temporal Mercies.

ALmighty GOD, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we recommend ourselves, and all our concerns to the disposal of thy gracious providence: thou knowest what is truly good for us; and it is our highest happiness that we are under thy fatherly care: in humble submission to thy wise and gracious will, we beseech thee to continue to us the use of our understanding, and reason; to bless us with health of body, and peace of mind; and to bestow upon us such a share of the good things of this life, as thou knowest to be best for us: conduct us by thy gracious hand through all the changes

changes of this world; and may we at last be perfect and happy, in that heavenly inheritance, which is incorruptible and fadeth not away. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all Mankind.

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, we offer up unto thee our prayers and intercessions for our brethren, and fellow creatures, wherever dispersed: mercifully regard the work of thine hands: let thy name be known, and thy pure worship prevail throughout the world: may all people, nations, and languages acknowledge thee, the true GOD: put an end to idolatry, superstition, and all false religion; and especially to persecution for conscience sake: may wisdom and goodness, liberty and peace, charity and happiness, every where abound; and thy kingdom of truth and righteousness spread and flourish, until it cover the face of the whole earth. *Amen.*

For our native Country.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, whose kingdom ruleth over all, we humbly beseech thee to continue thy protection and favour to our native country, and all the dominions thereunto belonging: may true religion prevail; public liberty be established; an effectual stop be put to the progress of error, injustice, profaneness, and all immorality; and may truth, righteousness, and charity, abound more and more. If it seemeth good to thy perfect wisdom, graciously preserve us from pestilence and famine; and from all the wasting calamities of war: may peace be within our walls, and prosperity within our cities; and may all the privileges we enjoy, be secured to us, and handed down to the latest posterity. *Amen.*

For

For the King.

O LORD GOD, high and mighty king of kings, and lord of lords, send down thy heavenly blessings upon thy servant GEORGE, our rightful sovereign: preserve his life and health: may he be eminent for wisdom, and the virtues becoming his high station; may he be the faithful guardian of our public liberties; and the happy instrument of transmitting them to posterity: may his reign be long and prosperous; and may he finally be rewarded with immortal glory and felicity. *Amen.*

For the Queen, and the Royal Family.

O GOD, the Author of all good, bless our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, the Prince of WALES, the Princess Dowager of WALES, and all the Royal Family: may thy watchful providence evermore defend them from all evil, and prosper them with all good: guide them by thy counsel in this world,
and

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and afterwards receive them into thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the Parliament.

[*To be read only when sitting.*]

O GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, and the disposer of all events, be graciously present in the great council of the nation, at this time in parliament assembled: may they have wisdom to discern, and integrity to pursue the welfare of these kingdoms: and may all their debates be so over-ruled by thy gracious governance, as finally to terminate in thy honour; the encouragement of virtue, and true religion; and the establishment of our public liberties throughout all generations. *Amen.*

*For Privy Counsellors, Nobility, Judges,
Magistrates, and all the People.*

MAY it please thee, O GOD, who hast the hearts of all men in thine hands, to bless the King's privy coun-

counsellors, the nobility, judges, magistrates, and the whole body of the people of this land: may they all discharge the duties of their stations with fidelity and good conscience; severally contribute to the general welfare and happiness; and thus be prepared for thine approbation, and acceptance unto eternal life. *Amen.*

For Christian Ministers.

O GOD, the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the fountain of light, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we humbly beseech thee to send down thy heavenly blessing upon Christian ministers, of every denomination: may they be so replenished with the truth of thy doctrine; and so exemplary in unaffected piety and goodness of life, that they may become the happy means of turning many to righteousness; and of promoting the knowledge and practice of the pure and holy Gospel of JESUS CHRIST, our LORD. *Amen.*

For

For the afflicted.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of mankind, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any-ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [*especially those for whom our prayers are desired;*] may it please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings; and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

O LORD GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast permitted us with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, fulfil, we beseech thee, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as thou in thy wisdom knowest to be good for us: we commit ourselves to the care of thy providence: mercifully defend us from all the dangers to which we may be exposed: graciously accept

accept these our services; and grant that in all our works begun, continued, and ended, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally obtain everlasting life and felicity; which we humbly pray for in the name, and as the disciples of JESUS CHRIST, our LORD; in whose words we conclude our prayers for ourselves, and for all mankind:

OUR Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Here a Psalm is to be sung, while the Minister is preparing for the pulpit.*

¶ *The Benediction is to be pronounced by the Minister, at the conclusion of the whole Service.*

T H E

THIRD SERVICE;

¶ *To be used either Morning, or Evening, at the choice of the Minister.*

¶ *This Service is to be introduced by the following Prayer, the Congregation rising up.*

¶ *The Introductory Prayer; to be read by the Minister alone.*

INFINITELY great, most glorious,
and ever blessed LORD, our GOD!
The heavens, and the earth, and all
things which we behold, shew forth thy
existence, and declare thy perfections.
Thy goodness is unchangeable, and thy
wisdom past finding out. Thou art ex-
alted

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alted in majesty and power, far above our highest conceptions; yet thou regardest us with the tenderness of a Father, and shewest favour, and loving-kindness to the children of men. We would now offer up unto thee, O GOD, our religious addresses, encouraged by thy goodness, and the gracious promises in the Gospel of thy Son. May we remember thee our Creator, Preserver, and Benefactor, with fear, love, and gratitude; and worship thee, who art a spirit, in spirit and in truth; that our various services may be acceptable in thy sight, and truly beneficial to our own souls. May we hearken to the reading of thy word, as to the voice of GOD; sing thy praises with understanding and devotion; and hear what shall be delivered for our instruction, with attention, candour and humility; that by all the means of grace, we may grow wiser and better; be gradually trained up for thy heavenly kingdom; and at last become partakers of that happiness,

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which eye hath not seen, which ear hath not heard, and which it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive.-----
These our petitions we present unto thee, in the name, and as the disciples of our LORD and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the following HYMN, for celebrating the DIVINE PERFECTIONS, is to be recited by the Minister and People, alternately, all standing.*

Minister.

*We celebrate the
divine Per-
fections of*

WE praise thee, O GOD, we acknowledge and adore thee, the one, true, and living GOD, who alone art independent and eternal; whose perfections are infinite, and counsels unchangeable; the greatest, wisest, and best of beings; the confidence and joy of
of

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of all those to whom thou hast made thyself known.

By thy power were the heavens created ; and all their hosts by the breath of thy mouth : thy hand preserveth them in being ; they are the ministers of thy good pleasure. *Power,*

Thou disposest all things in perfect wisdom ; and maintainest the beauty and order of thy works : all creatures are subject to thy direction ; and thou assignest them their proper station and duty. *Wisdom,*

With the highest veneration, we present our addresses to thee, a Being of almighty power, and unerring wisdom : but in an especial manner do we acknowledge, with unfeigned love, and joyful confidence, thine infinite and everlasting goodness : thou art the fountain of happiness ; and thou diffusest thy blessings through all the works of thy hands. The heavens *and Goodness:*

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heavens declare thy glory ; the earth is full of thy goodness : the day is thine, the night also is thine ; and thou makest the morning, and the evening to rejoice.

All the works of thy hands, and all the ordinances of thy providence, bear testimony that thou art infinitely great, and wise, and good.

The highest and most exalted angels adore thee, O LORD, who art good, and doest good continually ; who art wise in heart, wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

We, thine intelligent creatures in this world, join our tribute of joyful praise to thee, O GOD, the sovereign Creator and LORD of all : thou alone art worthy to receive glory, and honour, and praise, from all thy creatures. “ Praise
“ ye the LORD.”

People.

O G O D, thy perfections fill our hearts with love and joy : and our lips shew forth thy praise.

Minister.

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Minister.

“ O magnify the LORD with *We bless*
“ me, and let us bless his name *the*
“ together.” Thou, O GOD, *LORD;*
art the Creator of mankind; thy *who is our*
hands have made us, and fashioned
us; thou hast cloathed us with
skin and flesh, and fenced us with
sinews and bones. Thou hast *Creator,*
created the spirit that is in man;
breathed into us the breath of
life; and, by thine inspiration,
hast given us understanding.

People.

*O GOD, thou hast made us,
and not we ourselves; we are thy
people, and the sheep of thy pas-
ture.*

Minister.

Thou, O GOD, art the Giver *Preserver,*
of life: in thy hand is the soul
of every living thing, and the
breath of all mankind: thou art
the Preserver of men.

People.

People.

Thy visitation preserveth our spirits; and thou, LORD, makest us to dwell in safety.

Minister.

O thou most high GOD, Possessor of heaven and earth, the Judge of all, and the universal
 Governor, King; thy government is righteous; thy providence perfect; and all thy commandments are holy, just, and good: the obedience of all reasonable creatures is due to thee alone, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the blessed and only Potentate.

People.

We bow ourselves before thee, thy willing subjects; thy commandments are true, and righteous altogether.

Minister.

O GOD, thou art our Creator, and righteous Governor; we rejoice in the being we have received from thee; we yield a willing sub-
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submission to all the orders of thy government; and we address thee as our Father, who hast made us to bear thine image, and to partake of the blessings of thy family.

People.

We are thy children; therefore do we pray unto thee.

Minister.

We rejoice in thy fatherly care, which thou hast manifested to us, ever since we came into the world.

People.

We put our confidence in thee, whose counsel is our guide; and whose favour is our highest happiness.

Minister.

Now unto thee, the king eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise, living, and true GOD, we ascribe our chearful and united praises. *Amen.*

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we ascribe
our united
Praises.*

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¶ *Here the first Lesson is to be read out of the HOLY SCRIPTURES ; after which the Service is to proceed with the following THANKSGIVING, the congregation rising up.*

Minister.

*General
Thank-
giving :*

EVER gracious and most merciful Father, we render unto thee our sincere thanks for the manifold mercies we are continually receiving from thy hands ; and we desire to recollect them with sentiments of religious gratitude ; and with hearty purposes to act agreeably to them.

*for Crea-
tion,*

O GOD, thou art the Giver of all good ; thou delightest in the happiness of thy creatures, and art daily imparting the riches of thy bounty. We thank thee, especially, for all the instances of thy goodness to ourselves. Thou art the Former of our bodies, and the Father of our spirits. Thou
hast

hast exercised a wise and gracious
 care over us, ever since we came
 into the world: by thee are all
 our wants supplied; from thee
 all our enjoyments proceed; and
 thou crownest our days with thy
 goodness. We bless thee, who
 givest us food convenient for us,
 and appointest refreshment for
 our wearied powers. To thy kind
 and merciful providence we owe
 the raiment with which we are
 cloathed; our comfortable habi-
 tations; and all the fruits of our
 industry and labour.

*Preserva-
 tion, and
 Blessings
 of Life;*

We thank thee for reason and
 understanding; and for all the
 treasures of knowledge thou hast
 opened to our view; that thou
 hast formed us for the practice of
 virtue, and true religion; and
 given us many opportunities for
 the improvement of our minds,
 and the attainment of our highest
 happiness.

*for Pow-
 ers of the
 Mind and
 Means of
 Improve-
 ment;*

for social Affections, We thank thee, that we are placed in a social state; are endued with social affections; and enjoy such a variety of pleasures, from the esteem and friendship of our brethren.

Pleasures of Wisdom & Virtue; and Prospect of a happier State. To thy goodness we ascribe all the enjoyments we receive from the practice of virtue, and the just exercise of our powers; the variety of trials thou hast appointed for the improvement and perfection of our natures here; and the prospect thou givest us of a more perfect and happy state hereafter. “O give thanks unto the LORD, “for he is good, and his mercies “endure for ever.”

People.

We give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good, and his mercies endure for ever.

Minister.

For the various Dispensations of Providence,

We bless thee, thou wise and gracious Disposer of all things, for the various dispensations of thy

thy providence in favour of religion, and the happiness of mankind, in the several ages of the world; for all the divine messengers thou hast sent; by whose instructions and example, thy light and truth have been preserved, in the darkest times of ignorance and idolatry.

*in favour
of Reli-
gion,*

Above all, we thank thee, merciful Father, for the display of the exceeding riches of thy goodness in CHRIST JESUS; by whom thou hast made every necessary provision, for our improvement in the knowledge and practice of true religion.

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JESUS
CHRIST,*

Blessed be thy name, O GOD, for this divine teacher, and Saviour, whom thou hast sent to declare unto us thy heavenly will; to save us from ignorance and vice; and to lead us, by his heavenly instructions, and amiable example, to the love and practice of universal goodness.

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We offer up our most joyful gratitude to thee, the GOD and Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that by him we are assured of pardon, and thy gracious acceptance, upon our return to obedience and virtue; that he has opened before us the solemnities of a future judgment; and confirmed to us the joyful hope of glory, honour, and immortality. "O give thanks unto the LORD, "for he is good, and his mercies "endure for ever."

People.

Blessed be the GOD, and Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST; for he is good, and his mercies endure for ever.

Minister.

*and the
Reforma-
tion.*

We thank thee, heavenly Father, that though the pure and holy religion of JESUS was corrupted by wicked men, and its divine light darkened, in thine own due time a reformation was brought

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brought about, under the direction of thy wise providence; and that we now enjoy our christian liberty, and christian privileges, in peace and tranquillity; none being permitted to rise up, and make us afraid. “ O give thanks to “ the GOD of heaven, for his mercy “ endureth for ever.”

People.

Blessed be the LORD our GOD, for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

¶ *Here a Psalm of Praise, or Thanksgiving, is to be sung; and after that the Second Lesson read, out of the NEW TESTAMENT, except when this Service is used for the Evening of the first Sunday in the Month; and then the Ten Commandments, together with our Saviour's Summary of the Moral Law, are to be read, instead of the Second Lesson; for which purpose they are placed at the end of the Occasional Forms.*

¶ *Then*

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¶ *Then must the Minister read the following CONFESSION, the Minister and People all kneeling.*

THE GENERAL CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we confess that we have often sinned against thee: we have disregarded thine authority, and abused thy goodness: we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and done those things which we ought not to have done: we have acted inconsistently with our christian character; and departed from the holy commandment delivered unto us: we have been unmindful of the perfect example set before us; and forgotten the sure and precious promises to which we are called: our only hope is in thy mercy: on thy mercy thou hast encouraged us to hope; and hast declared by thy Son CHRIST JESUS, that if we return to the obedience of thy commandments, thou wilt have mercy, and forgive us.

People.

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People.

To the LORD our GOD belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have sinned against him.

¶ *Then the following Prayers are to be read by the Minister alone, the Congregation still kneeling, and saying Amen, at the conclusion of each Prayer.*

A Prayer for Forgiveness.

O LORD GOD, who delightest in mercy, and art not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent and live; suffer us not to perish in our transgressions; and save us especially from the dominion of them, for the time to come. Vouchsafe unto us the light of thy countenance; and establish our minds with a sense of thy approbation, and the hopes of thy favour and acceptance unto eternal life.
Amen.

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For divine Assistance.

O GOD, the Author of all good, grant us, we beseech thee, thy gracious assistance in the future course of our lives; and teach us to act agreeably to the profession we make, and the desires we have now expressed before thee. Give us such a deep persuasion of the evil of sin, and of the importance and excellency of a holy and virtuous life, that we may carefully abstain from all iniquity, and be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are to thy honour and glory. *Amen.*

For the Knowledge and Improvement of religious Truth.

O MERCIFUL GOD, who art the Father of lights, and fountain of all wisdom; enlighten our minds with the knowledge of all useful truths; may they sink deep into our hearts, and influence our whole conduct. Having a steadfast faith in thy perfections, may we
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act with integrity, and order our whole conversation as in thy sight; may we preserve a constant regard to thy perfect administration; and receive with submission and cheerfulness whatever thou appointest: by the knowledge of thee, who alone art good, may we improve in the love of goodness; and may the hope we are encouraged to entertain, of thy continual support and assistance, animate us in the practice of all good works. May the manifestation of thy mercy to mankind by JESUS CHRIST, awaken our aversion to sin; engage us to excel in every virtue; and constantly to pursue, what thou, the righteous Judge, approvest, and wilt finally reward and honour. By a diligent attention to the truths of our most holy religion, may our minds be purified from all corrupt and sensual passions; may we acquire a more perfect command over ourselves; proceed after the example of JESUS, in the practice of all goodness, and never be weary of well doing: and above all, by the expectation of an happy immortality, may our virtue

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be supported, and our peace secured, until we are removed from the present, to a higher state of being; and become partakers of that everlasting happiness, which thou hast promised to thy faithful servants. *Amen.*

For the Practice of particular Duties.

O GRACIOUS GOD, from whom all holy and good desires do proceed, produce in our minds those sentiments which may dispose us to all the duties of life; that in humility and meekness we may walk before thee; and being content with such things as we have, may leave all future events to thy gracious appointment. Incline us to thy worship and service, and all the offices of piety to thee, our Father in heaven. Teach us to enjoy the gifts of thy bounty with thankfulness; and to pass thro' the afflictions, thou appointest for us, with patience and submission to thy holy will.

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Assist us in the discharge of all social, and relative duties: may we be honest in all our dealings; and delight in doing good: may we be ready to relieve the poor, and to shew compassion to all who are in distress: may we be grateful to our friends; forgive our enemies; and always do to others, as we would they should do to us.

Establish in our souls a prevailing desire to bear a nearer resemblance to thee, the original of all perfection; and to be in a state of continual improvement, and preparation for the felicities which thou hast provided for all good men, from the foundation of the world.

And grant, O merciful Father, that by thus expressing before thee, the desires of our hearts, we may be more determined to live after thy commandments; and so attain that peace of mind, which is thy peculiar gift; and after a comfortable and happy life, be advanced to thine everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

A Prayer respecting external Things.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, to the direction of thy wise and unerring providence we do entirely commit ourselves: safe under thy protection, and happy in thy favour, we would chearfully follow, where thou plearest to conduct us: we desire only that portion of the good things of this life, which thou seest to be fit for us; and would decline no sufferings, which thou shalt appoint, for the trial and improvement of our virtue: save us, we beseech thee, from the snares of prosperity and adversity: suffer us not to forget thee in our abundance; or to question thy goodness in our distress: in health, and in sickness, in life and in death, may we lift up our souls unto thee; and make thy goodness alone our confidence and joy: and may we so pass through the changing scenes of the present world, that we may be prepared for the pure and unmixed happiness of thy glorious presence for evermore. *Amen.* *For*

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For all Mankind.

O GOD, the Father of all mankind, we rejoice in thine universal providence; and, with full confidence, commit to thy direction all the circumstances of our fellow creatures. Thou art the fountain of all blessings; thou delightest in doing good: grant, merciful Father, that all mankind may perceive thy hand in the advantages they enjoy; and be disposed to render thee their humble thanks, for all the instances of thy beneficence: and by their gratitude to thee, may their good dispositions be improved, and their happiness increased continually. *Amen.*

For all Christian Churches.

WE beseech thee, O GOD of love and mercy, to send down thy blessing upon all who profess the faith of our LORD JESUS CHRIST: suffer not their divisions to injure the cause
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of truth and liberty: graciously assist those who love thy holy name, in all their sincere endeavours to reform the abuses which have entered into thy church; and to promote the peace and union of Christians: give them just sentiments of the nature, and tendency of our holy religion: fill their hearts with love to thee, and to each other; may they approve themselves the faithful disciples of J E S U S; and become the instruments of diffusing virtue and happiness in the world. *Amen*

*For the Advancement of Christian
Knowledge.*

O LORD, who would'st have all men to be saved, fill the minds of thy reasonable creatures with the knowledge of thy truth: cause thy light to shine upon those who sit in darkness; dispel the prejudices under which they labour: above all, we beg that thou would'st deliver them from every evil affection; and bring them into the way
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of truth, and happiness. May the Gospel of JESUS prevail through the world; and by the power of its truth, and the exemplary conduct of those who profess it, enter the hearts and govern the lives of all the inhabitants of the earth; and make all the nations righteous and happy. *Amen.*

For the civil Happiness of Mankind.

LORD GOD, who rulest in the nations, reform, we beseech thee, all the disorders which arise from the evil passions of men: [put a stop to the wasting calamities of war;] and prosper the just designs of all those who delight in peace: may the blessings of free and equal government become universal: and under the influence of good laws, and a righteous administration, may all the advantages of civil society be widely extended; and the best interests of mankind effectually secured: and whilst thy creatures enjoy the gifts of thy bounty, may they unite

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in praise and thanksgiving to thee, the
Author of all good. *Amen.*

For our own Country.

WE commit to thee, our righteous Governor, all the important interests of our native Country: grant, we beseech thee, that we may live in safety; and enjoy the blessings thy providence has bestowed upon us, in tranquillity and peace: mercifully preserve us from all public calamities: and that we may escape the destructive evils which thou appointest for wicked nations, may we be disposed to a general reformation of manners; and may true religion and virtue so prevail amongst us, that our tranquillity may be continued, and our distinguished privileges be handed down to succeeding ages. Bless all our colonies: prosper our alliance with foreign nations: give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons; and may our trade and commerce be so conducted, as to
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become instruments of good to the whole nation. Vouchsafe thy favour to all orders of men among us: by a diligent and chearful discharge of the duties of their several stations, may they contribute their part to the public welfare, and the happiness of all mankind. Bestow upon us, O merciful Father, every thing truly good; and may we with one heart, acknowledge and praise thee, who art good, and doest good continually.
Amen.

For the King.

WE recommend to the care of thy providence, thy servant **GEORGE** our King: fill his heart with every royal virtue; and assist him in the important duties to which he is called: preserve him from the designs of his enemies; give him the hearts of all his subjects; and by their fidelity and zeal, may his useful designs be encouraged, and promoted: succeed his just undertakings; and after a life of great and extensive usefulness in this world,

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advance him to thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the Queen, and Royal Family.

MAY it please thee to bless our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE; the Prince of WALES; the Princess Dowager of WALES; and all the Royal Family: by the influence of a good example, and a wise and faithful discharge of the duties of their high stations, may they become great and extensive blessings: may their happiness increase continually in this world; and in the future state be crowned with immortal glory. *Amen.*

For the Parliament, when sitting.

BLESS, we beseech thee, the high court of Parliament; may all the members of that great assembly be men fearing thee, and hating covetousness: preside in their counsels; prosper their good designs; and may they wisely discern, and steadily pursue the true interests of these kingdoms. *Amen.*

For the Nobility and Gentry.

BLESS the nobility, and gentry, and all who are in stations of authority and power ; may they employ all their influence to promote righteousness and virtue ; become the means of diffusing public and private blessings ; and be faithful stewards of the manifold bounties of thy providence. *Amen.*

For Judges and Magistrates.

BLESS our judges and magistrates ; may they dispense justice with impartiality ; discountenance profaneness and vice ; and be an encouragement and praise to all who do well. *Amen.*

For Christian Ministers.

WE recommend to thy gracious regard the ministers of the christian religion ; humbly beseeching thee, that their faithful endeavours to extend the knowledge of thy truth, and to promote

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mote the love and practice of thy holy commandments, may be favourably accepted, and become successful: may they do honour to thy truth, in their public services, and in their lives; and do thou direct thy servants, in the way of righteousness, to their highest happiness. *Amen.*

For rich and poor.

BLESS those who are rich in this world, with a disposition to do good: may the poor be sober, honest, and diligent in their stations, and confide in thy providence; and may we all be thankful to thee for the blessings thou art pleased to bestow upon us. *Amen.*

For the afflicted.

O GOD of mercy, we humbly beg thy favourable regard to all our brethren in affliction: may thy wisdom be their direction; thy power their support; and thy goodness their confidence; and, by a patient behaviour
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under their afflictions, and a thankful acknowledgment of all thy mercies, may they be prepared for unmixed happiness, in a future and better world. *Amen.*

A general Prayer.

MERCIFULLY regard, O heavenly Father, these our petitions for ourselves, and for others; continue to us such measures of the good things of this life, as thou seest to be best for us: may thy good providence defend us thro' this [day,] or [night,] and through all the future days and nights of our lives; teach us the right use of all our enjoyments; lead us to a wise and careful improvement of all thy mercies; and finally advance us to thy glorious and everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

A concluding Prayer.

O GOD, the Father of mercies, and the Father of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, we humbly offer to thy gracious acceptance these our prayers, in
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*To be made use of as the Minister
shall think proper.*

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A Collect adapted to the Spring Season.

O LORD, the Creator, and Preserver of all things, who with unerring wisdom maintainest the beauty and order of thy works; we look up with joy and confidence unto thy gracious power, which causes the returning seasons to know their place: thou hast sent forth thy spirit; thou hast renewed
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the face of the earth: bless, we beseech thee, the springing of the year; and enrich the earth with the rain of heaven: may grafs grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits for the service of man; may our pastures be cloathed with flocks; our vallies covered with corn; and the year crowned with thy goodness: and may we so improve the various blessings of thy providence in this world, as to be prepared for the unchangeable felicities of thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

A Collect adapted to the Season of Harvest.

ALmighty GOD, the Fountain of all goodness, in whose power alone it is to give fruitful seasons, and to fill our hearts with food and gladness; we lift up our eyes unto thee, from whom our hope cometh, beseeching thee to preserve unto us the appointed weeks of harvest, and to give us seasonable weather for ripening, and gathering in the fruits of the earth, that in due time
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we may enjoy them. * *May the immoderate rains be abated; and thy mercy again shine upon us.* Suffer not the hopes of the husbandman to fail; may the poor be satisfied with bread; continue to bless us with the bounties of thy providence; and may we evermore live to thy praise, in a wise, grateful, and temperate enjoyment of thy mercies, who art the only Giver of all good. *Amen.*

A Collect to be used on Occasion of any violent Storm, or Earthquake.

GREAT and glorious LORD GOD, almighty in thy power, and unsearchable in all thy ways, at whose rebuke the earth trembles, and the foundations of the hills do shake; who thunderest with thy voice, and sendest forth thy lightnings to the ends of the heavens; who commandest the winds, and the sea, and they obey; we, the children of men, prostrate ourselves before
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* *Only to be read in such a season as is there referred to.*

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thy throne, adoring the greatness of thy majesty, and imploring thy favour and mercy to us. Awaken our attention duly to consider the voice of thy providence; and possess our hearts with a holy reverence of thy power, and a humble confidence in thy goodness. It is of thy goodness that we have not been consumed: in the midst of the amazing instances of thy power, thou rememberest mercy; shewing forth the care of thy providence in our preservation. May the remembrance of these things produce in us thankfulness of heart, and such seriousness of spirit, that no calamity may ever surprise us, nor death itself find us unprepared; and this we beg, for thy goodness sake, declared unto mankind by JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

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A Collect to be read in Time of War.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, to whom it justly belongeth to punish sinful nations, and to be merciful to those, who repent; we humbly beseech thee, in this time of our danger, to be the Defender of our country: give us not up into the hands of our enemies; save us from the edge of the sword; and preserve our land from the desolations of war; continue us in the undisturbed profession of thy true religion; in the enjoyment of our public liberties; and may we yet live secure and happy, under that wise and equal government, which thou hast set over us. We do with all humility acknowledge ourselves unworthy of these peculiar blessings: have mercy upon us; O GOD, have mercy upon thy people: send forth a spirit of reformation amongst us; avert the evils we have deserved; continue thy favour and protection to us; save and deliver us, O our GOD, for in thee
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do we put our trust: restore tranquillity and peace to contending nations; unite the hearts of mankind in the bonds of humanity and love; and may the happy time come, when the calamities of war shall cease for ever; and peace and righteousness universally prevail. And this we humbly beg, for thy mercy's sake, declared unto mankind by CHRIST JESUS our LORD. *Amen.*

A Collect to be used in a Time of remarkable Scarcity.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, by whose wise and gracious appointment it is, that the rain doth fall; the earth is fruitful; the beasts increase; and fishes do multiply; behold, we beseech thee, the present afflictions of thy people; alleviate the distresses of the miserable; and may the cries of the poor come unto thee: increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; may our scarcity be turned into plenty; and grant that we may improve
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the bounties of thy providence, to thy praise, in relieving the distresses of others; and by thankfully acknowledging thee, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. *Amen.*

*A Collect adapted to a Time of general
Sickness.*

ALMIGHTY, and most wise GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and in earth; we humbly direct our addresses unto thee, in this time of our calamity, beseeching thee in behalf of our fellow creatures and friends, who are suffering under the grievous sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit us: may the everlasting arms of thy mercy support them, and the consideration of thy fatherly goodness strengthen and comfort their souls, in this time of their distress: sanctify this general affliction to the reformation of our manners, and the improvement of our virtue; and cause us to rejoice in the humble hope, that

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that every thing shall work together for good. In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O GOD: restrain the progress of the disorder, if it be agreeable to thy blessed will. May those lives that are yet spared be devoted to thy service; and may we, and all thy servants, be prepared for every event of thy Providence; that whether we live, we may live unto the LORD; or whether we die, we may die unto the LORD; and whether living or dying, may have an interest in thy mercies unto eternal life. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for Women drawing near to the Time of Child-bearing.*

O GOD, the Author of life, the Fountain of happiness, and the gracious Preserver of those who do put their trust in thee, mercifully regard thy servants, who are drawing near to the time of child-bearing, and desire to recommend themselves to thy almighty protec-

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protection: save and deliver them in the hour of pain by thy gracious aid; may they be joyful mothers of living and perfect children; and in due time restore them to health and strength; that they may enter into thy gates with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise, be thankful unto thee, and bless thy Name. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be read, when particularly desired, for Persons upon Journies, or Voyages.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Preserver of all thy creatures, and the Confidence of the ends of the earth, and of them who are afar off upon the seas; we humbly recommend to thy continual protection, such as are absent from their friends, upon journies in our own, or in foreign nations: may thy gracious providence defend them at all times, and in all places: preserve them from the peculiar dangers to which they may be exposed; succeed them in

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all their lawful and honourable designs ; and return them to their habitations in innocence and safety, that they may have fresh occasions to celebrate the praises of thy goodness with thankful hearts.----WE, in a particular manner, beseech thee in behalf of thy servants, who are going down to the sea in ships, or are now travelling upon the great ocean; O eternal LORD GOD, who commandest the winds, and rulest the raging of the waters, receive them under thine almighty and most gracious protection; preserve them from the dangers of the sea, * *from the violence of the Enemy*, and the attempts of wicked and unreasonable men; return them to their native country in safety, to enjoy the fruits of their industry and labour; the benefits of society; and the pleasures of domestic life; with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies, who art the only Giver of all good. *Amen.*

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- *Only to be read in a time of war.*

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A Thanksgiving for a plentiful Harvest.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed GOD, who mercifully suppliest the wants of thy creatures, and art continually giving testimonies of thy gracious Providence; we rejoice at this time with humble thankfulness in the gifts of thine undeserved bounty; that thou hast caused the earth to yield its increase; ‡ *hast turned our scarcity into plenty*; and crowned the year with thy goodness: whilst thou art thus sending down thy blessings upon us, may we be disposed to live in a sober, temperate, and charitable enjoyment of them; and to bring forth the fruits of holiness, and righteousness, all the days of our lives.
Amen.

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‡ *Only to be read after a time of scarcity.*

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*For the Ceasing of a general Sickness,
and the Restoration of the public
Health.*

WE thank thee, O GOD, our heavenly Father, that of thy great mercy thou hast assuaged the contagious sickness, with which our country has of late been visited; and hast in so good a measure restored the public health: in the midst of our afflictions thou hast remembered mercy; thou hast caused the voice of joy and gladness to be heard within our dwellings: we bless thy holy name for our preservation; and render unto thee, the GOD of all mercies, glory, and honour, thanksgiving and grateful praises now, and for evermore. *Amen.*

For public Peace, after a Time of War.

EVER gracious GOD, the Father of all mankind, and the Governor of all the nations of the earth, we give thee our unfeigned thanks, that
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it has pleased thee to put a stop to the dreadful calamities of war, and to unite the contending nations in the bonds of peace: we thank thee, that we have been delivered from the dangers to which we were exposed; that the public liberties of our country are preserved; and that we are still in possession of many valuable privileges and blessings; continue to give peace in our time, O LORD; may the violent passions of wicked men be restrained; may the unjust designs of tyrants be disappointed; and may the happy time come, when the nations shall learn war no more; and all mankind shall be united in peace and love; and in the holy worship of thee, the true GOD, as the common disciples of JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who redeemest the lives of thy servant from destruction; and givest health, and
life,

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life, and blessing; accept the sincere and humble thanksgivings of thy servant, whom thou hast raised from a bed of sickness, and restored to some good measure of health and strength: we praise thee for this gracious instance of thy goodness: may the remembrance of thy late mercy to *him*, have a happy and lasting influence upon *his* mind: confirm and establish the good resolutions *he* has formed: and may that life, which thy mercy prolongs, be devoted to thy service, in a constant obedience to thy holy commandments. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for a Person's safe Return from a Journey, or Voyage.

ALmighty GOD, the Preserver of all thy Creatures, and the Confidence of the ends of the earth, and of those who are afar off upon the seas; we offer up unto thee our united thanksgivings for the signal mercies thou hast vouchsafed to thy servant, whom thou hast preserved in *his* [*Journey*] or [*Voyage* :]

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age:] that thou hast protected *him* from every danger, to which *he* was exposed; and hast restored *him* to his friends in health, safety, and peace. Write a law of thankfulness upon *his* heart; and hereby engage *him* to a diligent and grateful obedience of all thy commandments. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for a Woman after Child-bearing.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of all mercies, the GOD of all consolation; we present before thee our unfeigned thanks, for thy great mercy vouchsafed to thy servant, here in thy presence; whom thou hast delivered from the pains and dangers of child-bearing; * *and made the living Mother of a living and perfect Child.* Thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant; hast caused her sorrow to be succeeded by joy; and anguish by refreshment and ease: may a grateful remembrance
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* *Only to be read when the Child is living.*

OCCASIONAL THANKSGIVINGS:

of thy goodness ever enlarge her heart :
and may that life which thou hast spared,
* *and that infant Life which thou hast*
given, be devoted to thy obedience and
service, through JESUS CHRIST our
LORD. *Amen.*

- ¶ *Though the foregoing Occasional Forms are calculated for a considerable variety of Circumstances ; yet the Minister is at liberty to introduce such Forms of his own, as he may more perfectly adapt to the circumstances of the time, and his Congregation : and this he may do, either by introducing them in some proper part of the Service ; or in his Prayer before Sermon ; in which the Society hopes to enjoy the peculiar advantages of FREE PRAYER, as distinguished from the advantages of a PRECOMPOSED FORM.*

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* *Only to be read when the Child is living.*

T H E

COMMANDMENTS;

¶ *To be read the First Sunday in every Month, instead of the Second Lesson, in the EVENING SERVICE, the Congregation standing.*

GOD spake these words, and said,
I AM THE LORD, THY GOD:

THOU shalt have none other gods
but me.

THOU shalt not make to thyself any
graven image; nor the likeness of any
thing which is in heaven above; or in
the earth beneath; or in the water under
the earth: thou shalt not bow down to
them, nor worship them; for I, the
LORD, thy GOD, am a jealous GOD;
and visit the sins of the Fathers upon

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the Children, unto the third and fourth generation of them who hate me; and shew mercy unto thousands in them who love me, and keep my commandments.

THOU shalt not take the Name of the LORD, thy GOD in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless, who taketh his Name in vain.

REMEMBER that thou keep holy the SABBATH DAY: six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do; but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the LORD, thy GOD; in it, thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that in them is; and rested the Seventh Day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Seventh Day, and hallowed it.

HONOUR

THE COMMANDMENTS.

HONOUR thy Father, and thy Mother;
that thy days may be long in the land,
which the LORD, thy GOD, giveth
thee.

THOU shalt do no Murder.

THOU shalt not commit Adultery.

THOU shalt not Steal.

THOU shalt not bear false Witness
against thy Neighbour.

THOU shalt not covet thy Neighbour's
House; thou shalt not covet thy Neigh-
bour's Wife; nor his Man-servant; nor
his Maid-servant; nor his Ox; nor his
Ass; nor any thing that is thy Neigh-
bour's.

“ Hear

THE COMMANDMENTS.

“ HEAR ye also the excellent Summary of the Moral Law, as delivered by our Blessed Saviour.”

THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD, THY GOD, WITH ALL THY HEART, WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH: This is the First, and Great Commandment: and the Second is like unto it.

THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF: AND WHATSOEVER YE WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO TO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO TO THEM.



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P S A L M S

F O R

DIVINE WORSHIP.

PSALM I. *To GOD the Creator;*

Common Metre.

I.

GREAT first of Beings! mighty LORD
Of all this wond'rous frame!
Produc'd by thy creating word,
The world from nothing came.

II.

Thy voice sent forth the high command;
T'was instantly obey'd:
And thro' thy goodness all things stand,
Which by thy pow'r were made.

III.

Thy glories shine throughout the whole;
Each part reflects thy light;

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For thee in course the planets roll,
And day succeeds the night.

IV.

For thee the sun disperses heat,
And beams of cheering day :
The distant stars in order set,
By night thy pow'r display.

V.

For thee the earth its produce yields;
For thee the waters flow :
And various plants adorn the fields,
And trees aspiring grow.

VI.

Inspir'd with praise, our minds pursue
This wise and noble end;
And all we think, and all we do
Shall to thine honour tend.

P S A L M II.

To GOD the Creator and Lord of all.

Common Metre.

I.

ALMIGHTY GOD! thy pow'rful word
From nothing all things brought :
Earth, seas, and skies, by thee their LORD,
With skill divine were wrought.

II.

By thee preserv'd the world remains
A proof of pow'r divine :
Whatever this great whole contains,
By sov'reign right is thine.

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III.

Sun, moon and stars thy mind fulfil;
For thee each planet rolls:
Earth, seas, and skies obey thy will;
Thy power the world controls.

IV.

Thou over all art LORD supreme,
All things from thee derive:
No creature can dispute thy claim,
Or independant live.

V.

To thine all-gracious pow'r we bow,
Our wills to thee resign:
Accept the praise; accept the vow;
We wou'd be ever thine.

PSALM III. *To GOD the Creator.* 33.

Common Metre.

I.

LET all the just to GOD with joy,
Their chearful voices raise;
For well the righteous it becomes,
To sing glad songs of praise.

II.

By his almighty word at first
The heavenly arch was rear'd;
And all the beauteous hosts of light
At his command appear'd.

III.

The swelling floods together roll'd,
He makes in heaps to lie;

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And lays as in a store-house safe,
His wat'ry treasures by.

IV.

Let earth and all that dwell therein,
Before him rev'rent stand;
For when he spake the word, t'was made,
T'was fix'd at his command.

V.

Whate'er the mighty LORD decrees
Shall stand for ever sure;
The settled purpose of his heart
To ages shall endure.

VI.

The riches of thy mercy, LORD,
Do thou to us extend;
Since we for all we want, and wish,
On thee alone depend.

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PSALM IV. *To GOD our Creator.*

Long Metre.

I.

SING to the LORD with joyful voice;
Let every land his name adore;
The *British* isles shall send the noise
A-crofs the ocean to the shore,

II.

Nations, attend before his throne
With solemn fear, with chearful joy;
Know that the LORD is GOD alone,
He can create and he destroy.

III.

His sov'reign pow'r, without our aid,
 Made us of clay and form'd us men;
 And when like wand'ring sheep we stray'd,
 He brought us to his fold again.

IV.

We are his people, we his care,
 Our souls and all our mortal frame;
 What lasting honours shall we rear,
 Almighty Maker, to thy name!

V.

We'll croud thy gates with thankful songs;
 High as the heav'ns our voices raise;
 And earth with her ten thousand tongues,
 Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

VI.

Wide as the world is thy command,
 Vast as eternity thy love:
 Firm as a rock thy truth must stand,
 When rolling years shall cease to move.

PSALM V. *To GOD our Creator.* 100

Long Metre.

I.

WITH one consent let all the earth
 To GOD their chearful voices raise;
 Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
 And sing before him songs of praise.

II.

Convinc'd that he is GOD alone,
 From whom both we and all proceed;

We whom he chuses for his own,
The flock whom he vouchsafes to feed.

III.

O enter then his temple gate!
Thence to his courts devoutly press;
And still your grateful hymns repeat,
And still his name with praises bless.

IV.

For he's the LORD, supremely good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

B **PSALM VI. To GOD the Creator.**

Common Metre.

I.

O LORD, how excellent thy name!
How glorious to behold;
Engraven far on all thy works,
In characters of gold.

II.

On hea'ns unmeasurable face,
In thine immensely great;
In small, on ev'ry leaf and flow'r,
Creator GOD is writ.

III.

Tho' reason be not given to all,
Nor voice to thee, O sun!
Their maker all proclaim, and here
Their language is but one.

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IV.

From land to land, and world to world,
Thy fame is echo'd round;
And ages, as they pass, transmit
The never-dying sound.

V.

Angels, the eldest sons of light,
Began the lofty song;
They saw the heavens expand abroad,
And earth on nothing hung.

VI.

Then man, the last and noblest work,
Of all this nether frame,
With the first vital breath he drew
Confest from whence he came.

VI.

O let us all give praise to GOD,
And magnify his name;
His gracious and his mighty works
To all the world proclaim.

PSALM VII. *To the Creator.*

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Proper Metre.

I.

YE tribes of Adam, join
With heaven and earth and seas,
And offer notes divine
To your Creator's praise:
Ye holy throng
Of angels bright,
In worlds of light
Begin the song.

II.

Thou sun with dazzling rays,
And moon who rul'st the night,
Shine to your maker's praise,
With stars of twinkling light :

His pow'r declare
Ye floods on high,
And clouds that fly,
In empty air.

III.

The shining worlds above,
In glorious order stand,
Or in swift courses move,
By his supreme command :

He spake the word,
And all their frame
From nothing came
And praise the LORD.

IV.

He mov'd their mighty wheels
In unknown ages past ;
And each his word fulfils,
While time and nature last :

In diff'rent ways
His works proclaim,
His wond'rous name,
And speak his praise.

V.

Let all the nations fear,
The GOD who rules above ;
He brings his people near,
And makes them taste his love.

While earth and sky
 Attempt his praise;
 His faints shall raise
 His honours high.

PSALM VIII. *To GOD the Creator.*

Proper Tune.

I.

HAIL voice divine! thus the Almighty said,
 "Let there be light, now let a world be made:"
 Light and a world there were; obedient rise
 Sun, planets, stars, earth, seas, and spreading skies.

II.

Obedient to thy will, this teeming earth
 To beasts and worms of every kind gave birth:
 With flocks, and herds, the plains were richly stor'd,
 And herbs and fruits did proper food afford.

III.

And last, to finish what thou had'st design'd,
 (Of clay like theirs, but with a nobler mind)
 ADAM was made; made sov'reign of the rest,
 And with his Maker's form divine impress.

IV.

Benignity and skill and power divine
 In the great whole, and ev'ry part did shine:
 Fair in its Maker's eye creation stood,
 He view'd it well, and pleas'd, pronounc'd it good.

V.

May all thy works, O LORD, rebound thy name,
 Applaud thy skill; thy pow'r, and love proclaim:
 But above all below let man exert
 The noblest passions of his grateful heart.

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PSALM IX.

To GOD the Creator of Mankind.

Common Metre.

I.

GOD of our lives, whose bounteous care
 First gave us pow'r to move;
 How shall our thankful hearts declare
 The wonders of thy love.

II.

While void of thought and sense we lay,
 Dust of our parent earth;
 Thy breath inform'd the sleeping clay
 And call'd us into birth.

III.

From thee our limbs their fashion took,
 And e'er our life began;
 Within the volume of thy book,
 Were written ev'ry one.

IV.

Thine eye beheld in perfect view
 The yet unfinish'd plan;
 Th' imperfect lines thy pencil drew,
 And form'd the future man.

V.

O may this frame, which rising grew
 Beneath thy forming hands;
 Be studious ever to pursue,
 Whate'er thy will commands.

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PSALM X.

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To GOD the Creator of Mankind.

Long Metre.

I.

T WAS from thy hand, my GOD, I came,
A work of such a curious frame:
In me thy various wonders shine,
And each proclaims thy skill divine.

II.

Thine eyes did all my limbs survey,
Which yet in dark confusion lay:
Thou saw'st the daily growth they took,
Form'd by the model of thy book.

III.

By thee my growing parts were nam'd;
And what thy sov'reign counsels fram'd,
(The breathing lungs, the beating heart,)
Was copy'd with unerring art.

IV.

At last to show my Maker's name,
He stamp'd his image on my frame;
And in some unknown minute join'd
The finish'd members to a mind.

V.

There the young seeds of thought began,
And all the passions of the man:
Great GOD, our wondrous nature pays
Immortal tribute to thy praise.

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PSALM XI.

*The Wisdom of GOD in the formation of
Man.*

Common Metre.

I.

WHEN I with pleasing wonder stand
And all my frame survey,
LORD, 'tis thy work; I own the hand
That built my humble clay.

II.

Thy hand my heart and reins possess,
Where unborn nature grew:
Thy wisdom all my features trac'd,
And all my members drew.

III.

Thine eye with nicest care survey'd,
The growth of ev'ry part;
Till the whole scheme thy thoughts had laid,
Was copy'd by thy art.

IV.

Heav'n, earth, and sea, and fire and wind
Declare thy wond'rous skill:
But we review ourselves, and find
Divine wonders still.

V.

Goodness and wisdom round me shine,
My form proclaims thy praise:
And with my tongue my soul shall join
To celebrate thy praise.

OF PRAISE.

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PSALM XII.

GOD our Father and Friend.

Proper Tune.

I.

THE LORD JEHOVAH reigns,
His throne is built on high;
The garments he assumes
Are light and majesty:

His glories shine
With beams so bright,
No mortal eye
Can bear the sight,

II.

The thunders of his hand
Keep the wide world in awe;
His truth and justice stand
To guard his holy law:

And where his love
Resolves to bless,
His truth confirms,
And seals the grace.

III.

And will this gracious king
Of glory condescend?
Will he declare himself,
"My father and my friend;"

I love his name,
I love his word;
Join all my pow'rs,
And praise the LORD.

P S A L M XIII.

Confidence in GOD our Father.

Common Metre.

I.

O GOD, on thee we all depend,
 On thy paternal care :
 Thou wilt the father and the friend
 In ev'ry act appear.

II.

With open hand and lib'ral heart,
 Thou wilt our wants supply :
 Thy heav'nly blessings still impart,
 And no good thing deny.

III.

Our father knows what's good and fit,
 And wisdom guides his love :
 To thine appointments we submit,
 And ev'ry choice approve.

IV.

In thy paternal love and care,
 With chearful heart we trust ;
 Thy tender mercies boundless are,
 And all thy thoughts are just.

V.

We cannot want while GOD provides,
 What he allots is best :
 And heav'n, whats'er we want besides,
 Will give eternal rest :

PSALM XIV. *To GOD the Preserver.*

Long Metre.

I.

THE earth, and all the heav'nly frame,
 Their great Creator's love proclaim :
 He gives the sun his genial pow'r,
 And sends the soft refreshing show'r.

II.

The ground with plenty blooms again,
 And yeilds her various fruits to men :
 To men, who from thy bounteous hand,
 Receive the gifts of every land.

III.

Nor to the human race alone,
 Is his paternal goodness shown ;
 The tribes of earth and sea and air
 Enjoy his universal care.

IV.

Not ev'n a sparrow yields it's breath,
 Till GOD permits the stroke of death :
 He hears the ravens when they call,
 The father, and the friend of all.

PSALM XV. *To GOD our Preserver.*

Common Metre.

I.

GREAT GOD ! to thee, our grateful tongues,
 United thanks shall raise :
 Inspire our hearts to tune the songs,
 Which celebrate thy praise.

II.

From thine almighty forming hand,
We drew our vital pow'rs :
Our time revolves at thy command
In all it's circling hours.

III.

Thy pow'r, our ever-present guard,
From ev'ry ill defends :
While num'rous dangers hover round,
Our help from thee descends.

IV.

Beneath the shadow of thy wings
How sweet is our repose :
The morning light renews the springs,
From whence our comfort flows.

V.

In celebration of thy praise,
We would employ our breath :
And walking steadfast in thy ways,
Will triumph e'en in death.

PSALM XVI.

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GOD our Shepherd and Guardian.

Long Metre.

I.

AS the good shepherd gently leads,
His wand'ring flocks to verdant meads,
Where peaceful rivers soft and flow,
Amidst the pleasing landscapes flow :

II.

So GOD, the guardian of our souls,
Our wand'ring foot-steps all controls:
When lost in sins perplexing maze,
He leads us back to wisdom's ways.

III.

Tho' we must journey through the plains,
Where death with all it's horror reigns;
Our steadfast heart no ill shall fear,
For thou, O LORD, art with us there.

IV.

By thee with peace and plenty blest,
Our lives are one perpetual feast:
Thine ever-watchful providence
Is our support and our defence.

V.

O bounteous GOD, our future days
Shall be devoted to thy praise;
And in thy house, thy sacred name
And endless love shall be our theme.

PSALM XVII. *GOD our Shepherd.* 23.

Long Metre.

I.

OUR shepherd is the living LORD;
Now shall our wants be well supply'd;
His providence and holy word
Become our safety and our guide.

II.

In pastures where salvation grows,
He makes us feed, he makes us rest:

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There living water gently flows,
And all the food's divinely blest.

III.

Our wand'ring feet his ways mistake,
But he restores our souls to peace;
And leads us for his mercy's sake
In the fair paths of righteousness.

IV.

Tho' we walk thro' the gloomy vale,
Where death and all its terrors are;
Our heart and hope shall never fail,
For GOD our shepherd's with us there.

V.

Amidst the darkest scenes of grief
Thou art our comfort, thou our stay:
Thy staff affords a kind relief,
Thy rod directs our doubtful way.

VI.

Surely the mercies of the LORD
Attend his children all their days:
Here will we dwell to hear his word,
To seek his face, and sing his praise.

23. PSALM XVIII. *GOD our Shepherd.*

Common Metre,

I.

THE LORD himself, the mighty LORD
Vouchsafes to be our guide:
With more than shepherd's tender care
Our wants are all supply'd.

II.

His goodness leads us to the place
 Where heav'nly pasture grows :
 Where living waters gently pass,
 And full salvation flows.

III.

Tho' we too often go astray,
 He doth us still restore;
 And guides us in his own right way;
 O may we sin no more. !

IV.

While thus our GOD affords his aid,
 We cannot yield to fear :
 Tho' we should walk through death's dark shade,
 Our shepherd's with us there.

PSALM XIX. *To GOD our Preserver.*

Long Metre.

I.

TO heaven my grateful soul ascends,
 On GOD alone for help depends :
 His presence my continual guard ;
 His grace the source of my reward.

II.

The spreading skies by power divine,
 In all their radiant glories shine :
 From his command, the solid earth
 And all it's stores, deriv'd their birth.

III.

Inspected by all-piercing eyes,
 No threat'ning snares my soul surprise:
 My trembling feet he safely keeps;
 My faithful shepherd never sleeps.

IV.

My soul, thy keeper is the LORD;
 How great his pow'r! how sure his word!
 He spreads a shade on my right hand,
 And will a safe retreat command.

V.

Protected by his guardian arm,
 Should dreadful scenes our souls alarm;
 Our lives are safe: his heav'nly care
 Defends us still from ev'ry snare.

VI.

He guides our feet, he guards our way;
 His morning smiles blest all the day:
 By him our mortal lives are blest;
 His favour crowns with endless rest.

PSALM XX.

*Dependance on GOD and hope in his
 Goodness.*

Common Metre.

I.

MY GOD, my everlasting hope,
 I live upon thy truth:
 Thine hands have held my childhood up,
 And strength'n'd all my youth.

II.

My flesh was fashion'd by thy pow'r
 With all these limbs of mine:
 And from my mother's painful hour,
 I've been entirely thine.

III.

Still has my life new wonders seen
 With each returning year:
 Behold my days which yet remain,
 I trust them to thy care.

IV.

Cast me not off when strength declines,
 When hoary hairs arise:
 And round me let thy goodness shine,
 When e'er thy servant dies.

V.

Then in the hist'ry of my age,
 When men review my days;
 They'll read thy love in ev'ry page,
 In ev'ry line thy praise.

PSALM XXI.

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GOD our all-sufficient dependence.

As the 113 PSALM.

I.

O HAPPY nation, where the LORD
 Reveals the treasure of his word,
 And builds his church, his earthly throne,
 His eye the heathen world surveys,
 He form'd their hearts, he knows their ways,
 But GOD their maker is unknown.

II.

Let kings rely upon their host;
 And of his strength the champion boast;
 In vain they boast, in vain rely:
 In vain we trust the brutal force,
 The speed or courage of a horse,
 To guard his rider, or to fly.

III.

Thy providence, almighty LORD,
 Doth more secure defence afford
 When death, or dangers threat'ning stand:
 Thy watchful eye preserves the just,
 Who make thy name their fear and trust,
 When wars, or famine waste the land.

IV.

In sickness, or the bloody field,
 Thou our physician, thou our shield;
 Send us salvation from thy throne:
 We wait to see thy goodness shine;
 Let us rejoice in help divine;
 O GOD, in thee we hope alone.

P S A L M XXII.

Preservation of Life from GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

LORD, unto thee we lift our eyes,
 On thee our hopes are laid:
 Thou who didst build the earth and skies,
 Art our sufficient aid:

II.

GOD guides our feet, and guards our way,
With an almighty arm:
Preserves us safe, both night and day,
From all destructive harm.

III.

What tho' thy providence should call
Where death displays it's pow'r;
Short of our lives the shafts shall fall,
Till GOD appoints the hour.

PSALM XXIII.

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GOD's Defence our Security.

As the 113th PSALM.

I.

HE who has GOD his guardian made
Shall under his almighty shade
Secure and undisturb'd abide:
This man with joy divine may say,
He is my fortress and my stay;
Who always hath my wants supply'd.

II.

For all whose well-plac'd confidence
Have made the LORD their sure defence,
May rest upon his promises:
Either no ill shall them o'ertake;
Or else their very suff'rings make
Their hearts and lives prepar'd for bliss.

PSALM XXIV.

GOD the Preserver to be adored.

Common Metre.

I.

THY works of glory, mighty LORD,
 Thy wonders in the deeps,
 The sons of courage shall record,
 Who trade in floating ships.

II.

At thy command the winds arise,
 And swell the tow'ring waves:
 The men astonish'd mount the skies,
 And sink in op'ning graves.

III.

Then to the LORD they raise their cries;
 He hears the loud request;
 And orders silence thro' the skies,
 And lays the floods to rest.

IV.

Sailors rejoice to lose their fears,
 And see the storm allay'd:
 Now to their eyes the port appears,
 There let their vows be paid.

V.

'Tis GOD that brings them safe to land;
 Let thoughtless mortals know,
 That waves are under his command,
 And all the winds that blow.

VI.

O that the sons of men would praise
 The goodness of the LORD!
 And those who see thy wond'rous ways,
 Thy wond'rous love record.

PSALM XXV.

Preserving Goodness acknowledged.

Common Metre.

I.

HOW are thy servants blest, O LORD!
 How sure is their defence!
 Eternal wisdom is their guide,
 Their help omnipotence.

II.

In foreign realms, and lands remote,
 Supported by thy care;
 Through burning climes I pass'd unhurt,
 And breath'd in tainted air.

III.

Thy mercy sweeten'd ev'ry foil,
 Made ev'ry region please;
 The hoary frozen hills it warm'd,
 And smooth'd the boist'rous seas.

IV.

Think, O my soul, devoutly think,
 How with affrighted eyes,
 Thou saw'st the wide extended deep,
 In all its horrors rise!

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Confusion dwelt in ev'ry face,
And fear in ev'ry heart;
When waves on waves, and gulphs on gulphs,
O'ercame the pilot's art.

VI.

Yet then from all my griefs, O LORD,
Thy mercy set me free;
Whilst in the confidence of pray'r
My soul took hold on thee.

VII.

For though in dreadful whirls we hung,
High on the broken wave;
I knew thou wer't not slow to hear,
Nor impotent to save.

VIII.

The storm was laid, the winds retir'd,
Obedient to thy will:
The sea that roar'd at thy command,
At thy command was still.

IX.

In midst of dangers, fears, and death,
Thy goodness I'll adore;
And praise thee for thy mercies past,
And humbly hope for more.

X.

My life, whilst thou preserv'st my life,
Thy sacrifice shall be;
And death, when death shall be my doom,
Shall join my soul to thee.

PSALM XXVI.

To the ONE GOD.

Long Metre.

I.

ETERNAL GOD, almighty cause
 Of earth, and seas, and worlds unknown :
 The world submits to all thy laws,
 Depends entire on thee alone.

II.

Thy ^{gl}orious being singly stands,
 Of all within it self posselt :
 Controul'd by none are thy commands ;
 And in thy self completely blest.

III.

To thee alone ourselves we owe ;
 Let heav'n and earth the homage pay :
 All other Gods we disavow,
 Deny their claims, renounce their sway.

IV.

In thee alone we seek for blifs,
 Thou great original of love ;
 There all our wealth and treasure is ;
 The world would insufficient prove.

V.

Spread thy great name thro' *Gentile* lands,
 Their idol deities dethrone :
 Reduce the world to thy command,
 And reign, as thou art GOD, alone.

P S A L M XXVII. *GOD Eternal.*

Common Metre.

I.

RISE, rise, my soul, and leave the ground,
 Stretch all thy thoughts abroad:
 And raise up ev'ry tuneful sound,
 To praise the eternal GOD.

II.

His boundless years can ne'er decrease,
 But still maintain their prime:
 ETERNITY's his dwelling place,
 And EVER is his time.

III.

Whilst like a tide our minutes flow,
 The present and the past;
 He fills his own immortal NOW,
 And sees our ages waste.

IV.

The seas and skies must perish too,
 And vast destruction come:
 And all things as they older grow,
 Approach their final doom.

V.

But tho' the sea shrink all away,
 And flames melt down the skies;
 Our GOD shall live in endless day,
 When this creation dies.

PSALM XXVIII.

GOD's eternal Dominion.

Common Metre.

I.

GREAT GOD! how infinite art thou!
Imperfect mortals we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
And give their praise to thee.

II.

Thy throne eternal ages stood,
E'er earth or heavens were made;
Thou art the ever living GOD,
Were all the nations dead.

III.

Nature and time unveiled lie
To thine immense survey;
From the formation of the sky,
To the great final day.

IV.

Our lives thro' various scenes are drawn,
And vex'd with trifling cares:
But thine eternal thought moves on
Thine undisturb'd affairs.

V.

Great GOD! how infinite art thou!
Imperfect mortals we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow!
And pay their praise to thee.

90 PSALM XXIX.

GOD eternal, and Man mortal.

Common Metre.

I.

O GOD our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come!
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home.

II.

Before the hills in order stood,
 Or earth receiv'd her frame!
 From everlasting thou art GOD,
 To endless years the same.

III.

Thy word commands our flesh to dust,
 "Return ye sons of men"
 All nations rose from earth at first,
 And turn to earth again,

IV.

Time like an overflowing stream
 Bears all its sons away:
 They fly, forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

V.

O GOD our help in ages past,
 Our hope for days to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,
 And our eternal home.

PSALM XXX. *GOD Omnipresent.*

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Common Metre.

I.

IN all my vast concerns with thee,
 In vain my soul wou'd try,
 To shun thy presence, LORD, or flee
 The notice of thine eye.

II.

Thine all-surrounding sight surveys
 My rising and my rest;
 My public walks, my private ways,
 And secrets of my breast.

III.

My thoughts lie open to the Lord
 Before they're form'd within;
 And e're my lips pronounce the word,
 He knows the sense I mean.

IV.

O wond'rous knowledge, deep and high!
 Where can a creature hide?
 Within thy circling arms I lie,
 Befet on every side.

V.

If wing'd with beams of morning-light
 I fly beyond the west,
 Thy hands, which must support my flight,
 Would soon betray my rest.

VI.

If o'er my sins I think to draw,
 The curtains of the night,

Those flaming eyes that guard thy law
Wou'd turn the shades to light.

VII.

The beams of noon, the midnight-hour,
Are both alike to thee;
O may I ne'er provoke that pow'r,
From which I cannot flee!

137 PsALM XXXI. *The All-seeing GOD.*

Long Metre.

I.

LORD, thou hast search'd and seen me thro';
Thine eye commands with piercing view
My rising and my resting hours;
My heart and flesh with all their powers.

II.

My thoughts, before they are my own,
Are to my GOD distinctly known:
He knows the words I mean to speak,
E'er from my op'ning lips they break.

III.

Within thy circling power I stand;
On every side I find thy hand:
Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
I am surrounded still with GOD.

IV.

Amazing knowledge, vast and great!
What large extent! what lofty height!
My soul with all the pow'rs I boast
Is in the boundless prospect lost.

V.

*O may these thoughts possess my breast,
Where-e'er I rove, where-e'er I rest!
Nor let my weaker passions dare
Consent to sin, for GOD is there.*

PAUSE I.

VI.

Could I so false, so faithless prove,
To quit thy service and thy love,
Where, LORD, could I thy presence shun,
Or from thy dreadful glory run?

VII.

If up to heaven I take my flight,
'Tis there thou dwell'st enthron'd in light;
Or dive to hell, there vengeance reigns,
And *Satan* groans beneath thy chains.

VIII.

If mounted on a morning-ray
I fly beyond the *western* sea,
'Thy swifter hand would first arrive,
And there arrest thy fugitive.

IX.

Or should I try to shun thy sight
Beneath the spreading veil of night,
One glance of thine, one piercing ray,
Wou'd kindle darkness into day.

X.

*O may these thoughts possess my breast,
Where-e'er I rove, where-e'er I rest!
Nor let my weaker passions dare
Consent to sin, for GOD is there.*

PAUSE II.

XI.

The veil of night is no disguise,
 No screen from thy all-searching eyes;
 Thy hand can feize thy foes as soon
 Thro' midnight-shades as blazing noon.

XII.

Midnight and noon in this agree,
 Great GOD, they're both alike to thee;
 No death can hide what GOD will spy,
 And hell lies naked to his eye.

XIII.

*O may these thoughts possess my breast,
 Where-e'er I rove, where-e'er I rest!
 Nor let my weaker passions dare
 Consent to sin, for GOD is there.*

P S A L M XXXII.

The Power of GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

T WAS GOD who fix'd the rolling spheres,
 And stretch'd the boundless skies;
 Who form'd the plan of endless years,
 And bade the ages rise.

II.

From everlasting is his might;
 Immense and unconfin'd:
 He pierces thro' the realms of light,
 And rides upon the wind.

III.

He darts along the burning skies,
 Loud thunders round him roar:
 All heaven attends him as he flies,
 All hell proclaims his power.

IV.

He speaks; great nature's wheels stand still,
 And leave their wonted round:
 The mountains melt; each trembling hill
 Forsakes its antient bound.

V.

He scatters nations with his breath;
 The scatter'd nations fly:
 Blue pestilence, and spreading death
 Confess the godhead nigh.

VI.

Ye worlds, and every living thing,
 Fulfil his high command;
 Pay duteous homage to your King
 And own his ruling hand.

PSALM XXXIII.

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The Power of GOD.

Long Metre.

I.

O COME loud anthems let us sing,
 Loud thanks to our almighty king;
 High let us raise our grateful voice,
 When in JEHOVAH we rejoice.

II.

The LORD, our GOD, inthron'd in state,
Is with unrivall'd glory great;
A King superior far to all,
Whom Gods the heathen fallfely call.

III.

The depths of earth are in his hand,
Her secret stores at his command:
The strength of hills which threat the skies,
Subject to his great empire lies.

IV.

The rolling ocean's vast abyfs,
By the same sov'reign right is his;
'Tis mov'd by his almighty hand,
Who form'd and fix'd the solid land.

V.

In thee the sov'reign right remains
Of all that earth or heaven contains;
Angels and men thee LORD alone,
King, maker, and preserver own.

VI.

Thine arm is mighty, strong thy hand,
Possess'd of absolute command:
Yet, LORD, thou dost with justice reign,
And truth and mercy still maintain.

PSALM XXXIV.

The Majesty and Power of GOD.

Long Metre.

I.

YE sons of men, in sacred lays
Attempt your great Creator's praise;

But O what tongue can speak his fame ;
What mortal verse can reach the theme!

II.

Enthron'd amidst the radiant spheres,
He glory like a garment wears:
And boundless wisdom, power, and grace,
Command our awe, invite our praise.

III.

To GOD all nature owes its birth,
He form'd this pond'rous globe of earth ;
He rais'd the glorious arch on high,
And measur'd out the azure sky.

IV.

In all our maker's vast designs,
Omnipotence with wisdom shines:
His works thro' all this wond'rous frame,
Bare the great impress of his name.

V.

Rais'd on devotions lofty wing,
Our souls his high perfections sing ;
O let his praise employ our tongues,
And lift'ning worlds approve the songs.

PSALM XXXV.

The Power and Majesty of GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

WITH rev'rence let the saints appear,
And bow before the LORD ;
His high commands with rev'rence hear,
And listen to his word.

RESULTS

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The main study was conducted in a large group of subjects and the results were used to determine the effect of the treatment. The results of the main study showed that the treatment had a significant effect on the outcome. The treatment group had a significantly higher mean score than the control group. The difference between the two groups was statistically significant.

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PSALM XXXVI.

The Power of GOD in his Works.

Proper Metre.

I.

ARISE my soul, on wings devout arise,
 To praise th' almighty sov'reign of the skies;
 In whom alone unspotted glory shines,
 Which not the heav'ns, nor boundless space confines.

II.

He spread the firmament from pole to pole;
 And hea'venly light diffus'd throughout the whole:
 Of liquid air he bad the columns rise,
 Which prop the starry concave of the skies.

III.

His word in air this pond'rous earth sustain'd,
 "Be fixt," he said — and fixt the earth remain'd:
 Heav'n, air and sea, tho' all their storms combine,
 Shake not its base, nor break the law divine.

IV.

He bade the changing moon adorn the night,
 Revolve her circle and increase her light:
 Assign'd a province to each rolling sphere,
 And taught the sun to regulate the year.

V.

Thou from the realms of everlasting day,
 See'st all thy works at one immense survey;
 Pleas'd at one view the whole to comprehend,
 Part join'd to part, concurring to one end.

VI.

Hail sov'reign goodness! all creating mind!
 On all thy works thyself inscrib'd we find:
 How various all, how variously indu'd!
 How great their number, and each part how good!

PsalM XXXVII.

The Greatness and Majesty of GOD.

As the 113 PsALM.

I.

YE holy souls in GOD rejoice,
 Your maker's praise becomes your voice;
 Great is your theme, your songs be new;
 Sing of his name, his works and ways,
 His works of nature and of grace,
 How wise and holy, just and true!

II.

Justice and truth he ever loves,
 And the whole earth his goodness proves;
 His word the heavenly arches spread;
 Far as they shine from north to south:
 And by the spirit of his mouth,
 Were all the shining armies made.

III.

He gathers the wide flowing seas;
 Those wat'ry treasures know their place,
 In the vast store-house of the deep;
 He spake and gave all nature birth;
 And fires, and seas, and heaven and earth,
 His everlasting orders keep.

IV.

Mortals be humble, and adore
 A GOD of such resistless pow'r;
 Nor dare indulge your feeble rage,
 Vain are your thoughts and weak your hands:
 But his eternal counsel stands,
 And rules the world from age to age.

PSALM XXXVIII.

GOD's universal Dominion.

Short Metre.

I.

THE LORD, the sov'reign king,
 Hath fix'd his throne on high;
 O'er all the heav'nly world he rules,
 And all beneath the sky.

II.

Ye angels, great in might,
 And swift to do his will,
 Bless ye, the LORD, whose voice ye hear,
 Whose pleasure ye fulfil.

III.

Let the bright hosts, who wait
 The orders of their king,
 And guard his churches when they pray,
 Join in the praise they sing.

IV.

While all his wond'rous works,
 Thro' his vast kingdoms show
 Their Maker's glory, thou my soul
 Shalt sing his praises too.

PSALM XXXIX.

The eternal and sovereign GOD.

Long Metre.

I.

JEHOVAH reigns: he dwells in light,
 Girded with majesty and might:
 The world, created by his hands,
 Still on its first foundation stands.

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II.

But e'er this spacious world was made,
 Or had its first foundations laid,
 Thy throne eternal ages stood,
 Thyself the ever-living GOD.

III.

Like floods the angry nations rise,
 And aim their rage against the skies;
 Vain floods, that aim their rage so high!
 At thy rebuke the billows die.

IV.

For ever shall thy throne endure;
 Thy promise stands for ever sure;
 And everlasting holiness
 Becomes the dwellings of thy grace.

P S A L M XL.

The Majesty and Condescension of GOD.

As the 113th P S A L M.

I.

YE that delight to serve the LORD,
 The honours of his name record,
 His sacred name for ever blest:
 Where-e'er the circling sun displays
 His rising beams, or setting rays,
 Let lands and seas his pow'r confess.

II.

Not time, nor nature's narrow rounds,
 Can give his vast dominion bounds;
 The heav'ns are far below his height:

OF PRAISE.

Let no created greatness dare
With our eternal GOD compare,
Arm'd with his uncreated might.

III.

He bows his glorious head to view
What the bright hosts of angels do,
And bends his care to mortal things;
His sov'reign hand exalts the poor,
He takes the needy from the door,
And makes them company for kings,

PSALM XLI.

GOD the universal Sovereign.

As the 113th PSALM.

I.

LET all the earth their voices raise
To sing the choicest psalm of praise,
To sing and bless JEHOVAH's name:
His glory let the heathens know,
His wonders to the nations show,
And all his saving works proclaim.

II.

The heathens know thy glory, LORD;
The wond'ring nations read thy word,
In *Britain* is JEHOVAH known:
Our worship shall no more be paid
To Gods which mortal hands have made;
Our Maker is our GOD alone.

III.

He fram'd the globe, he built the sky,
 He made the shining worlds on high,
 And reigns compleat in glory there:
 His beams are majesty and light;
 His beauties how divinely bright!
 His temple how divinely fair!

IV.

Come the great day, the glorious hour,
 When earth shall feel his saving pow'r,
 And barb'rous nations fear his name:
 Then shall the race of men confess
 The beauty of his holiness,
 And in his courts his grace proclaim.

P S A L M XLII.

The Wisdom of GOD in his Works.

Common Metre.

I.

SONGS of immortal praise belong,
 To our almighty GOD;
 He has our heart, and he our tongue,
 To spread his name abroad.

II.

How great the works his hand has wrought!
 How glorious in our sight!
 And men in ev'ry age have sought
 His wonders with delight.

III.

How most exact is nature's frame!
 How wise th' eternal mind!

His counsels never change the scheme
That his first thoughts design'd.

IV.

When he redeem'd his chosen sons,
He fix'd his cov'nant sure;
The orders that his lips pronounce
To endless years endure.

V.

Nature and time, and earth and skies;
Thy heav'nly skill proclaim:
What shall we do to make us wise,
But learn to read thy name?

VI.

To fear thy pow'r, to trust thy grace,
Is our divinest skill;
And he's the wisest of our race
That best obeys thy will.

PSALM XLIII.

The Wisdom of GOD in his Works.

As the 113 PSALM.

I.

GREAT GOD, the heav'n's well order'd frame
Declares the glories of thy name;
There thy rich works of wonder shine:
A thousand starry beauties there,
A thousand radiant marks appear
Of boundless pow'r and skill divine.

II.

From night to day, from day to night
The dawning and the dying light

Lectures of heavenly wisdom read :
 With silent eloquence they raise
 Our thoughts to the Creator's praise,
 And neither sound or language need.

III.

Yet their divine instructions run
 Far as the journeys of the sun,
 And every nation knows their voice :
 While he, like some young bridegroom drest,
 Breaks from the chambers of the east,
 Shines round, and makes the earth rejoice.

P S A L M XLIV.

The divine Goodness.

Common Metre.

I.

WHEN all thy mercies, O our GOD,
 Our rising soul surveys,
 Transported with the view, we're lost
 In wonder, love and praise.

II.

Thy providence our lives sustain'd,
 And all our wants redrest,
 When in the silent womb we lay,
 Or hung upon the breast.

IV.

To all our weak complaints and cries
 Thy mercy lent an ear ;
 E'er yet our feeble thoughts had learnt
 To form themselves in pray'r.

IV.

Unnumber'd comforts on our souls
 Thy tender care bestow'd;
 Before our infant hearts conceiv'd
 From whence those comforts flow'd.

V.

When in the slipp'ry paths of youth,
 With heedless steps we ran,
 Thine arm unseen convey'd us safe,
 And lead us up to man.

VI.

Thro' hidden dangers, toils and death,
 It gently clear'd our way;
 And thro' the pleasing snares of vice,
 More to be fear'd than they.

VII.

O how shall words, with equal warmth,
 The gratitude declare,
 That glows within my ravish'd heart!
 But thou can'st read it there.

PAUSE

VIII.

When all thy mercies, oh our **GOD**,
 Our rising soul surveys,
 Transported with the view, we'er lost
 In wonder, love and praise.

IX.

[When worn with sickness, oft hast thou
 With health renew'd our face;
 And, when in sins and sorrow sunk,
 Reviv'd our souls with grace]

X.

Thy bounteous hand with worldly bliss,
 Hath made our cup run o'er;
 And, in a kind and faithful friend;
 Hath doubled all our store.

XI.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
 Our daily thanks employ;
 Nor is the least a chearful heart,
 That tastes those gifts with joy.

XII.

Through ev'ry period of our lives,
 Thy goodness we'll pursue;
 And after death, in distant worlds,
 The glorious theme renew.

XIII.

When nature fails, and day and night
 Divide thy works no more,
 Our ever grateful hearts, O LORD,
 Thy mercy shall adore.

XIV.

Through all eternity to thee,
 A joyful song we'll raise;
 For oh! eternity's too short,
 To utter all thy praise.

PSALM XLV.

On the divine Goodness.

Common Metre.

I.

LORD thou art good: all nature shows
 Thee full, and free, and kind;
 'Thy bounty thro' creation flows,

Nor can it be confin'd.

II.

The whole and ev'ry part proclaims
Thine infinite good will;
It shines in stars, and flows in streams,
And bursts from ev'ry hill.

III.

It spreads thro' all the spreading main,
And heavens which spread more wide,
It drops in gentle show'rs of rain,
And rolls in ev'ry tide.

IV.

Still hath it been diffus'd and free,
Thro' ages past and gone;
Nor ever can exhausted be,
But keeps still flowing on.

V.

Still thro' the whole it pours supplies,
Spreads joy thro' all the parts;
LORD, may such goodness draw our eyes,
And captivate our hearts.

VI.

High admiration let it raise,
And kind affections move;
Employ our tongues in hymns of praise,
And fill our hearts with love.

PsalM XLVI.

The Goodness of GOD unchangeable.

Long Metre.

I.

ETERNAL source of ev'ry joy!
 Well may thy praise our lips employ,
 While in thy temple we appear;
 Thy goodness crowns the circling year.

II.

Wide as the earth and planets roll,
 Thy hand supports and cheers the whole;
 By thee the sun is taught to rise,
 And darkness when to veil the skies.

III.

The flow'ry spring at thy command,
 Embalms the air and paints the land;
 The summer rays with vigour shine,
 To raise the corn, and cheer the vine.

IV.

Seasons and months, and weeks and days,
 Demand successive hymns of praise:
 Still be the chearful homage paid,
 With op'ning light, and ev'ning shade.

V.

O may our more harmonious tongues
 In worlds unknown pursue the songs:
 And in those brighter courts adore,
 Where days and years revolve no more.

PSALM XLVII.

The Divine Bounty.

Common Metre.

I.

'TIS by thy strength the mountains stand,
GOD of eternal pow'r,
The sea grows calm at thy command,
And tempests cease to roar.

II.

The morning light and ev'ning shade
Successive comforts bring;
Thy plenteous fruits make harvest glad;
Thy flowers adorn the spring.

III.

Seasons, and times, and months and hours,
Heav'n, earth and air are thine;
When clouds distil in fruitful show'rs,
The author is divine.

IV.

Those floating cisterns in the sky
Borne by the winds around,
With wat'ry treasures well supply,
The furrows of the ground.

V.

The thirsty ridges drink their fill,
The ranks of corn appear;
Thy ways abound with blessings still,
Thy goodness crowns the year.

P S A L M XLVIII.

The Goodness of GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

SWEET is the mem'ry of thy grace,
O GOD, our heav'nly king;
 Let age to age thy righteousness
 In sounds of glory sing.

II.

GOD reigns on high, but not confines
 His goodness to the skies;
 Thro' the whole earth his bounty shines,
 And ev'ry want supplies.

III.

With longing eyes thy creatures wait,
 On thee for daily food;
 Thy lib'ral hand provides their meat,
 And fills their mouths with good.

IV.

How kind are thy compassions, **LORD!**
 How slow thine anger moves!
 But soon he sends his pardoning word
 To cheer the souls he loves.

V.

Creatures with all their endless race
 Thy pow'r and praise proclaim;
 But saints that taste thy richer grace
 Delight to bless thy name.

PSALM XLIX.

The Goodness of GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

LET ev'ry tongue thy goodness speak,
Thou sov'reign LORD of all;
Thy strengthning hands uphold the weak,
And raise the poor that fall.

II.

When sorrow bows the spirit down,
Or virtue lies distressed
Beneath some proud oppressor's frown,
Thou giv'st the mourners rest.

III.

The LORD supports our tott'ring days,
And guides our giddy youth:
Holy and just are all his ways,
And all his words are truth.

IV.

He know the pain his servants feel,
He hears his children cry,
And their best wishes to fulfil
His grace is ever nigh.

V.

His mercy never shall remove
From men of heart sincere;
He saves the souls, whose humble love
Is join'd with holy fear.

P S A L M L.

The Divine Mercy.

Long Metre.

I.

MY soul inspir'd with sacred love,
GOD's holy name for ever blest,
 Of all his favours mindful prove,
 And still thy grateful thanks express.

II.

'Tis he who all thy sins forgives,
 And after sickness makes thee sound;
 From danger he thy life retrieves,
 By him with grace and mercy crown'd.

III.

The **L**ORD abounds with tender love,
 And unexampled acts of grace;
 His waken'd wrath doth slowly move,
 His willing mercy flies apace.

IV.

As high as heav'n its arch extends,
 Above this little spot of clay;
 So much his boundless grace transcends
 The best obedience we can pay.

V.

Let ev'ry creature join and blest
 The mighty **L**ORD: and thou my heart,
 With grateful joy thy songs express,
 And in this consort bear thy part.

P S A L M L I. *Divine Mercy.*

Short Metre.

I.

O BLESS the LORD our souls,
 Let all within us join,
 And aid our tongues to blefs his name,
 Whose favours are divine.

II.

O blefs the LORD my soul,
 Nor let his mercies lie
 Forgotten in unthankfulness,
 And without praises die.

III.

'Tis he forgives our sins;
 'Tis he relieves our pain;
 'Tis he that heals our sicknesses;
 And makes us young again.

VI.

He crowns our lives with love;
 When ransom'd from the grave;
 He that redeems our souls from death,
 Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

V.

He fills the poor with good;
 He gives the suff'ers rest:
 The LORD hath judgments for the proud,
 And justice for th' oppress'd.

VI.

His wond'rous works and ways,
 He made by Moses known:
 But sent the world his truth and grace
 By his beloved son.

PSALM LII. *Divine Mercy.*

Short Metre.

I.

OUR souls, repeat his praise
 Whose mercies are so great;
 Whose anger is so slow to rise,
 So ready to abate.

II.

GOD will not always chide;
 And when his strokes are felt,
 His Strokes are fewer than our crimes,
 And lighter than our guilt.

III.

High as the heav'ns are rais'd
 Above the ground we tread,
 So far the riches of his grace
 Our highest thoughts exceed.

IV.

His pow'r subdues our sins,
 And his forgiving love,
 Far as the *east* is from the *west*,
 Doth all our guilt remove.

V.

The pity of the LORD
 To those that fear his name,
 Is such as tender parents feel;
 He knows our feeble frame.

VI.

He knows we are but dust,
 Scatter'd with ev'ry breath;

His anger like a rising wind
Can send us swift to death.

VII.

Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning-flow'r;
If one sharp blast sweeps o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.

VIII.

But thy compassions, LORD,
To endless years endure;
And childrens children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

PSALM LIII. *Divine Providence.*

Long Metre.

I.

THRO' all the various shifting scene
Of life's mistaken ill or good;
Thy hand, O GOD, conducts unseen,
The beautiful vicissitude.

II.

Thou portion'st with paternal care,
How e'er unjustly we complain,
To each their necessary share
Of joy and sorrow, health and pain.

III.

All things on earth, and all in heav'n
On thine eternal will depend;
And all for greater good were given,
Would man pursue th' appointed end.

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IV.

Be this our care — to all beside
 Indiff'rent let our wishes be:
 Passion be calm, and dumb be pride,
 And fix'd our souls O GOD on thee.

PSALM LIV.

The Perfections and Providence of GOD

Long Metre.

I.

HIGH in the Heav'ns, eternal GOD,
 Thy goodness in full glory shines;
 Thy truth shall break thro' ev'ry cloud,
 Which veils and darkens thy designs.

II.

For ever firm thy justice stands,
 As mountains their foundations keep;
 Wise are the wonders of thy hands,
 Thy judgments are a mighty deep.

III.

Thy providence is kind and large;
 Both man and beast thy bounty share;
 The whole creation is thy charge;
 The good are thy peculiar care.

IV.

O GOD, how excellent thy grace,
 Whence all our hope and comfort springs;
 The sons of Adam in distress
 Fly to the shadow of thy wings.

PSALM LV.

Dependence upon Providence,

Long Metre.

I.

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GREAT LORD of earth, and seas. and
 Thy wealth the needy world supplies:
 On thee alone the whole depends,
 Thy care to ev'ry part extends.

II.

To thee perpetual thanks we owe,
 For all our comforts here below;
 Our daily bread thy bounty gives,
 And ev'ry rising want relieves.

III.

The wastes of life thy pow'r repairs,
 Thy mercy stills tempestuous cares:
 And safe beneath thy guardian arm,
 We live secur'd from ev'ry harm.

IV.

To thee we chearful homage bring;
 In grateful hymns thy praises sing;
 Direct to thee our waiting eyes,
 And humbly look for fresh supplies.

V.

We still are indigent and poor,
 Indebted much, yet lacking more:
 On thee we ever will depend,
 The rich, the sure, the faithful friend.

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VI.

And should thy measures seem severe,
 Calmly may we thy chaf'ning bear:
 Without complaint to thee submit,
 Th' unerring judge of what is fit.

P S A L M LVI.

Dependence on Providence.

Long Metre.

I.

ON thee, O GOD! we still depend,
 Our father, and our constant friend;
 All that is good thou can'st supply,
 And put all threat'ning evil by.

II.

Should wars on ev'ry side invade,
 We'll shelter seek beneath thy shade:
 We'll trust to thy paternal care,
 Nor want, nor harm, nor danger fear.

III.

We'll still refer ourselves to thee,
 And with our lot contented be;
 With one consenting heart and voice,
 Approve our heav'nly father's choice.

IV.

From earth we'll turn our longing eyes,
 To regions far beyond the skies;
 O fit us for that blest abode,
 Where dwells our Saviour and our GOD.

OF PRAISE,

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PSALM LVII.

Submission to Providence.

Common Metre.

I.

NAKED as from the earth we came,
And crept to life at first,
We to the earth return again,
And mingle with our dust.

II.

The fond delights we here enjoy,
And call our own in vain,
Are but short favours borrow'd now,
To be repaid again.

III.

'Tis GOD that lifts our comforts high,
Or sinks them to the grave;
He gives, and blessed be his name,
He takes but what he gave.

IV.

Peace, all our hasty passions then,
Let each impatient sigh,
Be silent at his sov'reign will,
And ev'ry murmur die.

V.

If smiling mercy crown our lives,
It's praises shall be spread;
And we'll adore the justice too,
That strikes our comforts dead.

PSALM LVIII. *Praise to GOD.*

Short Metre.

I.

ALMIGHTY maker GOD!
 How wond'rous is thy name!
 Thy glories how diffus'd abroad
 Thro' all creation's frame.

II.

Nature in ev'ry drefs
 Her humble homage pays;
 And does a thousand ways exprefs
 Her undissembled praise.

III.

Our souls would rise and sing,
 Our great creator too;
 Fain would our tongue adore our king
 And yield the worship due.

IV.

Let joy and worship spend
 The remnant of our days;
 And oft to GOD our souls ascend
 In humble acts of praise.

PSALM LIX.

A Song of Praise.

Common Metre.

I.

IN GOD's own house pronounce his praise,
 His grace he there reveals;

To heav'n your joy and wonder raise,
For there his glory dwells.

II.

Let all your sacred passions move,
While you rehearse his deeds;
But the great work of saving love,
Your highest praise exceeds.

III.

All that have motion, life and breath,
Proclaim your maker blest;
Yet when our voice expires in death,
Our souls shall praise him best.

PSALM LX.

General Act of Praise.

Long Metre.

I.

BE thou exalted, O my GOD,
Above the heav'ns where angels dwell;
Thy pow'r on earth be known abroad,
And land to land thy wonders tell.

II.

My heart is fix'd; my tongue shall raise
Immortal honours to thy name;
Awake, my tongue, to sound his praise,
My tongue, the glory of my frame.

III.

High o'er the earth thy mercy reigns,
And reaches to the utmost sky;
His truth to endless years remains,
When lower worlds dissolve and die.

IV.

Be thou exalted, O my GOD,
 Above the heav'ns where angels dwell;
 Thy pow'r on earth be known abroad,
 And land to land thy wonders tell.

PSALM. LXI.

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Praise to GOD from all Creatures:

Proper Metre.

I.

YE boundless realms of joy,
 Exalt your maker's fame;
 His praise your song employ
 Above the starry frame:
 Your voices raise,
 Ye cherubim,
 And seraphim,
 To sing his praise.

II.

Thou moon that rul'st the night,
 And sun that guid'st the day,
 Ye glitt'ring stars of light,
 To him your homage pay:
 His praise declare,
 Ye heav'ns above,
 And clouds that move
 In liquid air.

III.

Let them adore the LORD,
 And praise his holy name,

By whose almighty word
They all from nothing came :
And all shall last,
From changes free :
His firm decree
Stands ever fast.

IV.

Let earth her tribute pay ;
Praise him, ye dreadful whales,
And fish that thro' the sea
Glide swift with glitt'ring scales :
Fire, hail, and snow,
And misty air,
And winds that, where
He bids them, blow.

V.

By hills and mountains (all
In grateful consort join'd),
By cedars stately tall,
And trees for fruit design'd ;
By ev'ry beast,
And creeping thing,
And fowl of wing,
His name be blest.

VI.

Let all of royal birth,
With those of humbler frame,
And judges of the earth,
His matchless praise proclaim :
In this design
Let youths with maids,

And hoary heads
With children join.

VII.

United zeal be shown,
His wond'rous fame to raise,
Whose glorious name alone
Deserves our endless praise.
Earth's utmost ends
His pow'r obey:
His glorious sway
The sky transcends.

PSALM LXII. *Praise to GOD.*

Proper Metre.

I.

PRAISE ye the LORD, the universal king,
His truth and power and his salvation sing,
Him GOD of Gods, him LORD of Lords pro-
[claim,

Let it be known he ever reigns supreme.

II.

What mighty deeds have by his pow'r been done!
Amazing wonders by his pow'r alone:
He by his wisdom spread abroad the sky,
And hung out all the starry lamps on high.

III.

He bade the seas divide from solid land,
And made the earth above the waters stand:
He form'd the sun to bless the day with light,
The moon to cheer the gloomy face of night.

IV.

He for his people needful food provides,
 Guards all their blessings, all their steps he guides:
 Thro' snares and dangers safely leads them on
 To bliss immortal, and his heavenly throne,

PSALM LXIII. *Universal Praise.*

Short Metre.

I.

LET ev'ry creature join
 To praise th' eternal GOD;
 Ye heavenly hosts begin the strain
 And sound his name abroad.

II.

Thou sun with golden beams,
 And moon with paler rays,
 Ye starry lights, ye heav'nly flames,
 Shine to your maker's praise.

III.

He built those worlds above,
 And fixt their wond'rous frame;
 By his command they stand or move,
 And ever speak his name.

IV.

Ye vapours when ye rise,
 Or fall in show'rs or snow,
 Ye thunders rolling round the skies,
 His pow'r and glory shew.

V.

Wind, hail, and flashing fire,
 Agree to praise the LORD,

When ye in dreadful storms conspire,
To execute his word.

VI.

By all his works above,
His honours be exprest;
But saints who taste his saving love
Should sing his praises best.

PAUSE.

VII.

Ye tribes of Adam join
With heav'n, and earth, and seas,
And offer notes divine
To your creator's praise.
Ye holy throng
Of angels bright,
In worlds of light
Begin the song.

VIII.

Thou sun with dazling rays,
And moon that rules the night,
Shine to your maker's praise,
With stars of twinkling light.
His pow'r declare,
Ye floods on high,
And clouds that fly
In empty air.

IX.

The shining worlds above
In glorious order stand,
Or in swift courses move
By his supreme command.

He spake the word,
And all their frame
From nothing came
To praise the LORD.

X.

He mov'd their mighty wheels
In unknown ages past;
And each his word fulfils
While time and nature last.
In diff'rent ways
His works proclaim
His wond'rous name,
And speak his praise.

PAUSE.

XI.

Let all the earth-born race,
And monsters of the deep;
The fish that cleave the seas,
Or in their bosom sleep;
From sea and shore
Their tribute pay,
And still display
Their maker's pow'r.

XII.

Ye vapours, hail and snow,
Praise ye th' almighty LORD,
And stormy winds that blow,
To execute his word.
When lightnings shine,
Or thunders roar,

Let earth adore
His hand divine.

XIII.

Ye mountains near the skies,
With lofty cedars there,
And trees of humbler size,
That fruit in plenty bear;
Beasts wild and tame,
Birds, flies and worms,
In various forms,
Exalt his name.

XIV.

Ye kings and judges fear
The LORD, the sov'reign king;
And while you rule us here,
His heav'nly honours sing.
Nor let the dream
Of pow'r and state,
Make you forget
His pow'r supreme.

XV.

Virgins and youths, engage
To sound his praise divine,
While infancy and age
Their feebler voices join.
Wide as he reigns
His name be sung,
By ev'ry tongue,
In endless strains,

XVI.

Let all the nations fear
The GOD who rules above;

He brings his people near,
And makes them taste his love:

While earth and sky,
Attempt his praise,
His saints shall raise
His honours high.

PSALM LXIV. *Praise to GOD.*

Long Metre.

I.

O All ye sons of human race,
Rejoice in heaven's eternal king;
With gladness come before his face,
And Hallelujahs to him sing.

II.

Know that the LORD is GOD supreme,
By whose all-forming hand alone
Was rais'd from dust our mortal frame;
We are his flock, he doth us own.

III.

Approach with loud thanksgiving songs,
The portals of his courts divine,
Laud him to whom all pow'r belongs,
And to his name your praises join.

IV.

For good and gracious is the LORD,
His flowing mercy knows no end:
The truth of his most sacred word
To endless ages shall extend.

PSALM LXV.

Praise to GOD from all Creatures.

Common Metre.

I.

THE glories of our maker GOD
 Our joyful tongues shall sing;
 And call the nations to adore
 Their former, and their king.

II.

'Twas his great hand that shap'd our clay,
 And wrought this wond'rous frame:
 But from his own celestial breath
 Our nobler spirits came.

III.

We bring our mortal powers to GOD,
 And worship with our tongues:
 We claim some kindred with the skies,
 And join the heavenly songs.

IV.

Let beasts which in the pastures feed,
 Or in the deserts lie;
 Fishes that move within the seas
 And fowls beneath the sky.

V.

Let rocks, and woods, and fires and seas,
 Their various tribute bring;
 And one united homage raise
 To GOD, all nature's king.

VI.

Ye planets to his honour shine,
 As thro' your orbs you run;

Praise him in your eternal course
Around the steady sun.

VII.

The glory of our maker's name,
Thro' all creation flies:
And his unbounded grandeur shines
In worlds beyond the skies.

PSALM LXVI.

Praise for Creation and Providence.

Common Metre.

I.

I Sing th' almighty pow'r of GOD,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.

II.

I sing the the wisdom that ordain'd
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command,
And all the stars obey.

III.

I sing the goodness of the LORD,
That fill'd the earth with food:
He form'd the creatures with his word,
And then pronounc'd them good.

IV.

LORD, how thy wonders are display'd
Where'er I turn mine eye!

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If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky.

V.

There's not a plant, or flow'r below,
But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from thy throne.

VI.

Creatures (as num'rous as they be)
Are subject to thy care:
There's not a place where we can flee,
But GOD is present there.

VII.

His hand is my perpetual guard,
He keeps me with his eye:
Why should I then forget the LORD,
Who is for ever nigh?

PSALM LXVII.

Universal Praise to GOD.

Short Metre.

I.

THY name, almighty LORD,
Shall sound thro' distant lands:
Great is thy grace, and sure thy word:
Thy truth for ever stands.

II.

Far be thine honour spread,
And long thy praise endure,
Till morning light, and ev'ning shade,
Shall be exchange'd no more.

PSALM LXVIII.

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Praise to GOD from all Nations.

Common Metre.

I.

WITH cheerful notes let all the earth
 To heav'n their voices raise:
 Let all, inspir'd with godly mirth,
 Sing solemn hymns of praise.

II.

GOD's tender mercy knows no bound,
 His truth shall ne'er decay:
 Then let the willing nations round
 Their grateful tribute pay.

PSALM LXIX.

Praise to GOD from all Nations.

Common Metre.

I.

O All ye nations, praise the LORD,
 Each with a diff'rent tongue:
 In ev'ry language learn his word,
 And let his name be sung.

II.

His mercy reigns thro' ev'ry land;
 Proclaim his grace abroad:
 For ever firm his truth shall stand;
 Praise ye the faithful GOD.

/// PSALM LXX.

Universal Praise to GOD.

Long Metre.

I.

FROM all who dwell below the skies,
 Let the creator's praise arise:
 Let the redeemer's name be sung,
 Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

II.

Eternal are thy mercies, LORD;
 Eternal truth attends thy word:
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
 Till suns shall rise and set no more.

PSALM LXXI. *Praise to GOD.*

Common Metre.

I.

GREAT is the LORD; his works of might
 Demand our noblest songs:
 Let his assembled saints unite
 Their harmony of tongues.

II.

Great is the mercy of the LORD,
 He gives his children food;
 And ever mindful of his word,
 He makes his promise good.

III.

His son, the great redeemer, came
 To seal his cov'nant sure:

Holy and rev'rend is his name,

His ways are just and pure.

IV.

They who would grow divinely wise,

Must with his fear begin;

Our fairest proof of knowledge lies

In hating ev'ry sin.

LXXII. *Praise to GOD.*

Long Metre.

I.

PRAISE ye the LORD; our GOD to praise

My soul her utmost pow'rs shall raise;

With private friends, and in the throng

Of saints, his praise shall be my song.

II.

His works, for greatness tho' renown'd,

His wond'rous works with ease are found

By those who seek for them aright,

And in their pious search delight.

III.

His works are all of matchless fame,

And universal glory claim:

His truth, confirm'd thro' ages past,

Shall to eternal ages last.

IV.

By precept he has us enjoyn'd,

To keep his wond'rous works in mind:

And to posterity record,

That good and gracious is our LORD.

PSALM LXXIII. *Praise to GOD.*

Common Metre.

I.
THEE I will bleſs, my GOD and king,
 Thy endleſs praiſe proclaim;
 This tribute daily I will bring,
 And ever bleſs thy name.

II.
 Thou, LORD, beyond compare art great,
 And highly to be prais'd :
 Thy majeſty, with boundleſs height,
 Above our knowledge rais'd.

III.
 Renown'd for mighty acts, thy fame
 To future times extends :
 From age to age thy glorious name
 Succeſſively deſcends.

IV.
 Whiſt I thy glory and renown,
 And wond'rous works expreſs :
 The world with me thy might ſhall own,
 And thy great pow'r confeſs.

V.
 The praiſe that to thy love belongs,
 They ſhall with joy proclaim :
 Thy truth of all their grateful ſongs
 Shall be the conſtant theme.

VI.
 The LORD is good ; freſh acts of grace
 His pity ſtill ſupplies :

His anger moves with slowest pace,
His willing mercy flies.

VII.

Thy love thro' earth extends its fame,
To all thy works express'd :
These shew thy praise, whilst thy great name
Is by thy servants blest.

PSALM LXXIV.

Praise to GOD for his Providence and Grace.

Long Metre.

I.

WITH all my powers of heart and tongue
I'll praise my maker in my song :
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.

II.

Angels who make thy church their care
Shall witness my devotions there,
While holy zeal directs my eyes
To thy fair temple in the skies.

III.

I'll sing thy truth and mercy, LORD,
I'll sing the wonders of thy word :
Not all thy works and names below
So much thy pow'r and glory show.

IV.

The GOD of heaven maintains his state,
Frowns on the proud, and scorns the great :
But from his throne descends to see
The sons of humble poverty.

V.

Amidst a thousand snares I stand
 Upheld and guarded by thy hand :
 Thy words my fainting soul revive,
 And keep my dying faith alive.

VI.

Grace will compleat what grace begins,
 To save from sorrow or from sins:
 The work that wisdom undertakes
 Eternal mercy ne'er forsakes.

P S A L M LXXV.

Praise to the great and good GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

LONG as we live, we'll bless thy name.
 O king, O GOD of love :
 Our work and joy shall be the same,
 In the bright world above.

II.

Great is the LORD, his pow'r unknown,
 And let his praise be great :
 We'll sing the honours of thy throne,
 Thy works of grace repeat.

III.

Thy grace shall dwell upon our tongues;
 And while our lips rejoice,
 The men who hear our sacred songs,
 Shall join their chearful voice.

Father to sons shall teach thy name,
 And children learn thy ways:
 Ages to come thy truth proclaim,
 And nations found thy praise.

IV.

Thy glorious deeds of antient date
 Shall thro' the world be known:
 Thine arm of pow'r, thy heavenly state
 With public splendor shown.

V.

The world is govern'd by thy hands,
 Thy saints are rul'd by love:
 And thine eternal kingdom stands,
 Tho' rocks and hills remove.

PSALM LXXVI.

Universal Praise to GOD.

Long Metre.

I.

MY GOD, my King, thy various praise
 Shall fill the remnant of my days:
 Thy grace employ my humble tongue,
 Till death and glory raise the song.

II.

The wings of ev'ry hour shall bear
 Some thankful tribute to thine ear:
 And every setting sun shall see
 New works of duty done for thee.

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III.

Thy truth and justice I'll proclaim;
 Thy bounty flows, an endless stream;
 Thy mercy swift, thine anger flow,
 But dreadful to the stubborn foe.

IV.

Thy works with sov'reign glory shine,
 And speak thy majesty divine:
 Let *Britain* round her shores proclaim
 The sound and honour of thy name.

V.

Let distant times and nations raise
 The long succession of thy praise:
 And unborn ages make my song
 The joy and labour of their tongue.

VI.

But who can speak thy wondrous deeds?
 Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds:
 Vast and unsearchable thy ways,
 Vast and immortal be thy praise.

PSALM LXXVII.

All Creatures called upon to praise GOD.

Proper Metre.

I.

O For a hymn of universal praise!
 Its maker's fame let ev'ry creature raise:
 Ye lofty heav'ns begin the solemn sound,
 And let it spread the wide creation round.

II.

Ye angel hosts who near his dazzling seat,
 Wrapt in perpetual transport humbly wait,

You best must know the glories of your king,
In sweetest loftiest strains his wonders sing.

III.

Bless him, thou sun, great ruler of the day,
Before whose splendors thine must fade away;
To him, the honours paid to thee, restore;
And teach mankind thy maker to adore.

IV.

Ye moon and stars, who with more feeble light
Break thro' the shades, and gild the gloom of night,
Far as you can diffuse your feeble rays,
Tell his great name, and propagate his praise.

PAUSE.

V.

Fair light, the first of all created things,
From whom all earthly bliss and beauty springs,
Help the blind world to see their maker shine
In light essential, fairer far than thine.

VI.

Ye dancing spheres that ever tuneful move,
Drawn tow'ards your centers by magnetic love,
Convey his name thro' all the vast expanse,
Whilst to the music of his voice you dance.

VII.

Let awful thunders bellowing in the air,
And blust'ring storms his dreadful praise declare;
Whilst gentler winds with balmy breath proclaim
The gracious GOD, and spread his lovely name.

VIII.

Let mists, and clouds, and meteors all conspire
 In this blest work, and help to fill the choir :
 Whilst loud his praises foaming billows roar,
 And seas resound his name from shore to shore.

P A U S E II.

IX.

Ye fertile plains display your gayest pride,
 Ye valleys, to his honour, low subside ;
 And at his call, ye mountains, stately rise,
 And bear his praises to the neighbouring skies.

X.

Ye trees of ev'ry kind, ye fruitful vines,
 Ye spreading oaks, and tall aspiring pines ;
 Or bend your heads, or let your juices flow,
 To honour him at whose command you grow.

XI.

To him let ev'ry beast this tribute pay,
 He feeds the flocks, he finds the lions prey ;
 To celebrate his bounty and his pow'r,
 Bleat all ye lambs, and all ye lions roar.

XII.

Ye birds, who thro' the airy regions wing,
 Nature's musicians, you his praise must sing :
 Ye flies and worms, his various skill display :
 Tho' you can't sing, this homage you may pay.

P A U S E III.

XIII.

When nature's all in tune, shall man refrain,
 And have his voice and pow'r to sing in vain ?

O no! let ev'ry rank, and sex, and age,
With all their might in this design engage.

XIV.

Great kings and potentates, ye gods on earth,
And ev'ry man of meaner rank and birth,
Submit yourselves to his imperial sway,
You're bound, and 'tis your honour to obey.

XV.

Let youthful voices swell th' harmonious choir,
Old age their feebler breath in praise expire:
O! let his love each virgin's heart inflame,
And infants learn to lisp his wond'rous name.

XVI.

But above all ye saints, your breath employ,
To sound his praises, and to tell your joy:
You, the blest objects of his love and choice,
His glories sing with well tun'd heart and voice.

XVII.

Loud as his thunders let his praises sound,
From heav'n to earth, from world to world rebound:
Let art and nature in the song conspire,
And the whole world become one sacred choir.

PSALM LXXVIII.

Let all in Heaven and Earth praise the LORD.

Long. Metre.

I.

O Praise the LORD in that blest place
From whence his goodness largely flows:

Praise him in heav'n where he his face
Unveil'd in perfect glory shews.

II.

Praise him for all the mighty acts,
Which he in our behalf has done:
His kindness this return exacts,
With which our praise should equal run.

III.

Let all who vital breath enjoy,
The breath he does to them afford,
In just returns of praise employ:
Let ev'ry creature praise the LORD.

PSALM LXXIX.

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The Instructions of Nature and Success of the Gospel.

Long Metre.

I.

THE heavens declare thy glory, LORD,
In ev'ry star thy wisdom shines:
But when our eyes behold thy word,
We read thy name in fairer lines.

II.

The rolling sun, the changing light,
And nights and days thy pow'r confess:
But the blest volume thou hast writ,
Reveals thy justice and thy grace.

III.

Sun moon and stars convey thy praise
Round the whole earth and never stand:

So when thy truth began its race,
It touch'd and glanc'd on ev'ry land.

IV.

Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest,
Till thro' the world thy truth hath run;
Till Christ has all the nations blest,
Who see the light, or feel the sun.

PSALM LXXX.

View of the Heavenly Bodies.

Long. Metre.

I.

THE spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangl'd heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great original proclaim.

II.

Th' unwearied sun from day to day
Doth his creator's pow'r display;
And publishes to ev'ry land,
The work of one almighty hand.

III.

Soon as the ev'ning shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wond'rous tale;
And nightly to the list'ning earth
Repeats the story of her birth.

IV.

Whilst all the stars which round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,

Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

V.

What tho' in solemn silence all
Move round the dark terrestrial ball;
What tho' no real voice nor sound
Amidst their radiant orbs be found:

VI.

In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice;
For ever singing as they shine,
The hand which made us is divine.

PSALM LXXXI. *View of Nature.*

Common Metre.

I.

HAIL King supreme! all wise and good,
To thee our thoughts we raise;
While nature's beauties wide display'd,
Inspire our souls with praise.

II.

At morning, noon, and ev'ning mild,
Thy works engage our view;
Oft as we gaze our hearts exult
With transports ever new.

III.

Thy glory beams in ev'ry star,
Which gilds the gloom of night:
And decks the rising face of morn
With rays of cheering light.

IV.

The sunny hill the dewy lawn
With thousand beauties shine;
The silent grove, and awful shade
Proclaim thy pow'r divine.

V.

From tree to tree, a constant hymn
Employs the feather'd throng;
To thee their chearful notes they swell,
And chaunt their grateful song.

VI.

Great nature's GOD! still may these scenes
Our serious hours engage;
Still may our grateful hearts consult
Thy works instructive page.

PSALM LXXXII.

View of the Divine Works.

Common Metre.

I.

LOOK round, O man! survey this globe,
Speak of creating pow'r;
See, nature gives a different robe
To ev'ry herb and flow'r!

II.

See, various beings fill the air,
And people earth and sea;
What greatful changes form the year,
How constant night and day!

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III.

Next raise thine eye, the vast expanse
 A pow'r unbounded shews;
 See round the sun the planets dance,
 And various worlds compose.

IV.

Then turn into thy self, O man!
 With wonder view thy foul!
 Confess his pow'r that laid each plan,
 And still directs the whole.

V.

And let obedience to his laws
 Thy gratitude proclaim,
 To him the first almighty cause,
 JEHOVAH is his name.

PSALM LXXXIII.

*Thou openest thy Hand, they are filled with
 Good.*

Long Metre.

I.

VAST are thy works, almighty LORD,
 All nature rests upon thy word;
 And the whole race of creatures stands,
 Waiting their portion from thy hands.

II.

While each receives his diff'rent food,
 Their chearful looks pronounce it good,
 Eagles, and bears, and whales and worms
 Rejoice and praise in different forms.

III.

But when thy face is hid they mourn,
And dying to their dust return;
Both men and beasts their souls resign;
Life, breath, and spirit, all is thine.

IV.

Yet thou can'st breathe on dust again,
And fill the world with beasts and men;
A word of thy creating breath
Repairs the wastes of time and death.

V.

Thy works, the wonders of thy might,
Are honoured with thy own delight:
How awful are thy glorious ways!
With rev'rence will we sing thy praise.

VI.

The earth stands trembling at thy stroke,
And at thy touch the mountains smoke:
Yet humble souls may see thy face,
And tell their wants to sovereign grace.

VII.

In thee our hopes and wishes meet,
And make our meditations sweet:
Thy praises shall our breath employ,
Till it expire in endless joy.

PSALM LXXXIV.

View of the Heavens, and Mankind.

Short Metre.

I.

O LORD our heavenly King,
Thy name is all divine;

Thy glories round the earth are spread,
And o'er the heav'ns they shine.

II.

When to thy works on high,
I raise my wond'ring eyes,
And see the moon compleat in light
Adorn the darksome skies:

III.

When I survey the stars
In all their shining forms,
LORD what is man! 'of mortal race,
Akin to dust and worms?

IV.

O LORD our heav'nly King,
Thy name is all divine,
Thy glories round the earth are spread,
And thro' the heav'ns they shine.

P S A L M LXXXV.

GOD known by his Works.

Long Metre.

I.

GREAT is our GOD, his works of might
To praise his glorious name unite:
Heav'n, earth and sea confess his hand,
And wait obedient his command.

II.

Thy hand unseen sustains the poles,
On which thy vast creation rolls;

The starry skies proclaim thy power,
Thy pencil glows in ev'ry flower.

III.

In various shapes and colours rise
Ten thousand wonders to our eyes;
And beasts and birds with labouring throat,
Teach us a GOD in every note.

IV.

A cros the waves, around the sky,
There's not a place, or deep or high,
Where the creator has not trod,
And left the footsteps of a GOD.

V.

O may the sons of men record
The various goodness of the LORD,
How vast his works, how kind his ways,
And ev'ry tongue pronounce his praise.

PSALM LXXXVI.

Works of Creation and Providence.

Common Metre

I.

REJOICE ye righteous in the LORD,
This work belongs to you;
Sing of his name, his ways, his word,
How holy, just and true.

II.

His mercy and his righteousness,
Let heav'n and earth proclaim;
His works of nature and of grace
Reveal his wond'rous name.

III.

His wisdom and almighty word
 The heav'nly arches spread;
 And by the spirit of the LORD
 Their shining hosts were made.

IV

He bid the liquid waters flow
 To their appointed deep;
 The flowing seas their limits know,
 And their own station keep.

V.

Ye tenants of the spacious earth
 With fear before him stand;
 He spake, and nature took its birth,
 And rests on his command.

VI.

Thy glorious works our thoughts engage
 How vast thy pow'r divine!
 Thy counsels stand thro' ev'ry age,
 And in full glory shine.

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PSALM LXXXVII.

GOD the Lord of Nature.

Long Metre.

I.

WITH glory clad, with strength array'd,
 The LORD, who o'er all nature reigns,
 The world's foundations strongly laid,
 And the vast fabric still sustains.

II.

How surely stablish'd is thy throne!
Which shall no change or period see;
For thou O LORD, and thou alone,
Art GOD from all eternity.

III.

The floods, O LORD, lift up their voice,
And toss the troubled waves on high;
But GOD above can still their noise,
And make the angry sea comply.

IV.

Thy promise, LORD, is ever sure,
And they who in thy house would dwell,
That happy station to secure,
Must still in holiness excel.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

THANKSGIVING.

Common Metre.

I.

GIVE thanks to GOD, the sov'reign LORD,
His mercies still endure;
And be the king of kings ador'd,
His truth is ever sure.

II.

What wonders hath his wisdom done!
How mighty is his hand;
Heav'n, earth, and sea he fram'd alone,
How wide is his command.

III.

'The sun supplies the day with light,
 How bright his counsels shine!
 The moon and stars adorn the night,
 His works are all divine.

IV.

He saw the nations dead in sin;
 He felt his pity move;
 How sad the state the world was in!
 How boundless was his love.

V.

He sent to save us from our woe,
 His goodness never fails;
 From sin and death, and ev'ry foe;
 And still his grace prevails.

VI.

Give thanks to GOD our heav'nly king,
 His mercies still endure;
 Let the whole earth his praises sing,
 His truth is ever sure.

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P S A L M LXXXIX.

I.

GIVE thanks to GOD most high,
 The universal LORD,
 The sov'reign king of kings,
 And be his grace ador'd.
 His pow'r and grace
 Are still the same;
 And let his name
 Have endless praise.

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II.

How mighty is his hand!
What wonders hath he done!
He form'd the earth and seas,
And spread the heavens alone.

Thy mercy, LORD,
Will still endure;
And ever sure
Abides thy word.

III.

His wisdom fram'd the sun
To bless the day with light;
The moon and shining stars
To cheer the darksome night.

His pow'r and grace
Are still the same;
And let his name
Have endless praise.

IV.

He saw the nations lie
All perishing in sin,
And pity'd the sad state
The ruin'd world was in.

Thy mercy, LORD,
Shall still endure;
And ever sure
Abides thy word.

V.

He sent his only son
To save us from our woe,

From folly, vice, and death,
And ev'ry hurtful foe.

His pow'r and grace
Are still the same;
And let his name
Have endless praise.

VI.

Give thanks to GOD alone,
To GOD, our heav'nly king;
And let the spacious earth
His boundless goodness sing.
Thy goodness LORD
Shall still endure;
And ever sure
Abides thy word.

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P S A L M XC.

Thanksgiving.

Long Metre.

I.

GIVE to our GOD immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
*Wonders of grace to GOD belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.*

II.

Give to the LORD of lords renown,
The King of kings with glory crown:
*His mercies ever shall endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.*

III.

He built the earth, he spread the sky,
And fix'd the starry lights on high:
Wonders of grace to GOD belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

IV.

He fills the sun with morning light;
And bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

V.

He sent his son with pow'r to save,
From guilt and darkness and the grave;
Wonders of grace to GOD belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

VI.

Thro' this vain world he guides our feet,
And leads us to his heav'nly feat:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more.

VII.

Give to our GOD immortal praise,
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to GOD belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.

P S A L M X C L.

Thanksgiving.

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I.

TO GOD the mighty LORD,
 Your joyful thanks repeat,
 To him due praise afford,
 As good as he is great :

For GOD does prove
 Our constant friend ;
 His boundless love
 Shall never end,

II.

To him whose wond'rous pow'r
 All other gods obēy,
 Whom earthly kings adore,
 This grateful homage pay :

For GOD does prove
 Our constant friend ;
 His boundless love
 Shall never end.

III.

By his almighty hand
 Amazing works are wrought ;
 The heav'ns by his command
 Were to perfection brought :

For GOD does prove
 Our constant friend ;
 His boundless love
 Shall never end.

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IV.

He spread the ocean round
About the spacious land;
And made the rising ground
Above the waters stand :
For GOD does prove
Our constant friend ;
His boundless love
Shall never end.

V.

Thro' heav'n he did display
His num'rous hosts of light ;
The sun to rule by day,
The moon and stars by night :
For GOD does prove
Our constant friend ;
His boundless love
Shall never end.

VI.

[He in our depth of woe,
On us with favour thought,
And from our cruel foes
In peace and safety brought]
For GOD does prove
Our constant friend ;
His boundless love
Shall never end.

VII.

He does the food supply,
On which all creatures live :
To GOD who reigns on high,
Eternal praises give :



For GOD does prove
Our constant friend;
His boundless love
Shall never end.

P S A L M XCII.

*Thanksgiving, for the Knowledge of GOD,
and for Providence.*

Common Metre

I.

LET heathens to their idols haste,
And worship wood and stone;
But our delightful lot is cast
Where thou, O GOD, art known.

II.

Thy hand provides our constant food,
And fills our daily cup:
Much are we pleased with present good,
But more rejoice in hope.

III.

Our souls would all their thoughts approve,
To thine all-seeing eye,
Nor death, nor hell our hopes shall move,
While GOD our friend is nigh.

P S A L M XCIII.

Thanksgiving, for temporal Blessings.

Long Metre.

I.

WE bless the LORD, the just the good,
Who fills our hearts with joy and food;

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Who pours his blessings from the skies,
And loads our days with rich supplies.

II.

He sends the sun his circuit round,
To cheer the fruits, to warm the ground :
He bids the clouds with plenteous rain
Refresh the thirsty earth again;

III.

'Tis to his care we owe our breath,
And all our near escapes from death :
Safety and health to GOD belong ;
He heals the weak, and guards the strong.

PSALM XCIV.

Thanksgiving.

Common Metre.

I.

SING to the LORD *Jehovah's* name,
And in his strength rejoice ;
When his salvation is our theme,
Exalted be our voice.

II.

With thanks approach his awful sight,
And psalms of honour sing ;
The LORD's a GOD of boundless might,
The whole creation's king,

III.

Let princes hear, let angels know,
How mean their natures seem ;
Those gods on high, and gods below,
When once compar'd with him.

IV.

Earth with its caverns dark and deep,
Lies in his spacious hand;
He fix'd the seas what bounds to keep,
And where the hills must stand.

V.

Come, and with humble souls adore,
Come kneel before his face;
O may the creatures of his pow'r
Be children of his grace!

P S A L M XCV.

Thanks to GOD for Preservation.

Common Metre.

I.

TO heav'n I lift my waiting eyes,
There all my hopes are laid:
The LORD that built the earth and skies,
Is my perpetual aid.

II.

Their feet shall never slide to fall,
Whom he designs to keep;
His ear attends the softest call;
His eyes can never sleep.

III.

He will sustain our weakest pow'r's
With his almighty arm,
And watch our most unguarded hours
Against surprizing harm.

IV.

Isr'el rejoice, and rest secure,
Thy keeper is the LORD;
His wakeful eyes employ his pow'r
For thine eternal guard.

V.

Nor scorching sun, nor sickly moon,
Shall have its leave to smite;
He shields thy head from burning noon,
From blasting damps at night.

VI.

He guards thy soul, he keeps thy breath,
Where thickest dangers come:
Go and return secure from death,
Till GOD commands thee home.

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Thanks to GOD our Preserver.

As the 148th PSALM.

I.

UPWARD I lift mine eyes,
From GOD is all my aid;
The GOD who built the skies,
And earth and nature made:
GOD is the tow'r
To which I fly;
His grace is nigh
In ev'ry hour.

II.

My feet shall never slide,
And fall in fatal snares,
Since GOD my guard and guide
Defends me from my fears.

Those wakeful eyes
That never sleep,
Shall *Isr'el* keep.
When dangers rise.

III.

No burning heats by day,
Nor blasts of ev'ning air,
Shall take my health away,
If GOD be with me there:

Thou art my sun,
And thou my shade,
To guard my head
By night or noon.

IV.

Hast thou not giv'n thy word
To save my soul from death?
And I can trust my LORD
To keep my mortal breath;

I'll go and come,
Nor fear to die.
Till from on high
Thou call me home.

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PSALM XCVII.

Thanks for temporal and spiritual Mercies.

Long Metre.

I.

GIVE thanks to GOD; he reigns above,
Kind are his thoughts, his name, his love:
His mercy ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own.

II.

He feeds and cloaths us ev'ry day,
He guides our footsteps lest we stray;
He guards us with a pow'rful hand,
And brings us to the heav'nly land.

III.

O let the saints with joy record,
The truth and goodness of the LORD!
How great his works! how kind his ways!
Let ev'ry tongue pronounce his praise.

PSALM XCVIII.

GOD's tender Mercy to his People.

Long Metre.

I.

BLESS thou the LORD, my soul; his name
Let all the pow'rs within me bless:
O let not his past favours lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness.

II.

'Tis he who pardons all thy sins;
 He who in sickness makes thee sound;
 'Tis he redeems thee from the grave;
 And still thy life with love is crown'd.

III.

Abundant mercies flow from GOD,
 Love is his nature and delight :
 Slow is his wrath, and tho' he chides,
 His ways are just, his judgments right.

IV.

As heaven is far above the earth,
 So his rewards exceed our love ;
 Farther than east is from the west,
 His pardon does our sins remove.

P S A L M XCIX.

Give thanks to GOD always in all things.

Long Metre.

I.

GREAT GOD my joyful thanks to thee
 Shall, like thy gifts, continual be :
 In constant streams thy bounty flows,
 Nor end, nor intermission knows.

II.

Thy kindness all my comforts gives,
 My num'rous wants thine hand relieves :
 Nor can I ever, LORD, be poor,
 Who live on thine exhaustless store

III.

If, what I wish, thy will denies,
'Tis because thou art good and wise:
Afflictions, which may make me mourn,
Thou can'st, thou do'st to blessings turn.

IV.

Deep, LORD, upon my thankful breast,
Let all thy favours be imprest;
That I may never more forget
The sum, or any single debt.

V.

May I with grateful heart, each day,
For daily gifts, my praises pay;
Delighted may I always be,
In all things to give thanks to thee.

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Thanksgiving.

Long Metre.

I.

O Render thanks to GOD above,
The fountain of eternal love;
Whose mercy firm thro' ages past
Has stood, and shall for ever last.

II.

Who can his mighty deeds express,
Not only vast, but numberless?
What mortal eloquence can raise,
His tribute of immortal praise?

III.

Happy are they, and only they,
 Who from thy judgments never stray :
 Who know what's right ; not only so,
 But likewise practice what they know.

IV.

O may I worthy prove to see
 Thy saints in full prosperity ;
 That I the joyful choir may join,
 And count thy people's triumph mine.

P S A L M C I.

Thanks for the Goodness of GOD to Mankind.

Common Metre.

I.

O LORD, thy bounty flows above,
 Where all the blest reside ;
 By thee, the spring and life of love,
 With constant bliss supplied.

II.

Nor can the heavens extensive bound
 Thy goodness, LORD, confine :
 In all thy worlds thy grace is found ;
 Earth shares in love divine.

III.

But above all thy works below
 Thy creature man is blest ;
 He stands, thy great good will to shew,
 Distinguish'd from the rest.

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IV.

With comely form his body's grac'd,
Tho' for a shell design'd :
But, LORD, how much is this surpass'd
By his indwelling mind ?

V.

There have his nobler pow'rs their seat,
Which fit him to be blest ;
To find in GOD a fund complete
Of happiness and rest.

VI.

Surprizing love and goodness! LORD,
That claim our highest praise ;
For ever let it be ador'd,
And holy wonder raise.

PSALM CII.

The Bounty of GOD in the Seasons of the Year.

Proper Tune.

I.

LET thanks to thee, all-sov'reign pow'r arise,
Who fix'd the mountains and who spread the skies;
From the glad climes whence morn in beauty drest,
Forth goes, rejoicing, to the farthest west.

II.

On thee alone our whole dependance lies,
And thy rich mercy ev'ry want supplies:
O thou great author of th' extended whole!
Revolving seasons praise thee as they roll.

III.

By thee, spring, summer, autumn, winter rise,
 Thou giv'st the frowning, thou the smiling skies:
 By thy command the soft'ning show'r distils,
 Till genial warmth the teeming furrow fills.

IV.

Then fav'ring sun-shine o'er the clime extends,
 And blest by thee the verdant blade ascends;
 Next spring's gay products cloath the flow'ry hills,
 And joy the wood, and joy the valley fills.

V.

Then soon thy bounty swells the golden ear,
 And bids the harvest crown the fruitful year:
 Thus all thy works conspicuous worship raise,
 And nature's face proclaims her maker's praise.

PSALM CIII.

Thanks to GOD for his innumerable Mercies.

Common Metre

I.

LORD, when I count thy mercies o'er,
 They strike me with surprize;
 Not all the sands that spread the shore
 To equal numbers rise.

II.

My flesh with fear and wonder stands,
 The product of thy skill;
 And hourly blessings from thy hands
 Thy thoughts of love reveal.

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III.

These on my heart by night I keep;
How kind, how dear to me!
O may the hour that ends my sleep,
Still find my thoughts with thee.

PSALM CIV. 65

The Blessings of Spring,

Common Metre.

I.

GOOD is the LORD the heav'nly King,
Who makes the earth his care;
Visits the pastures ev'ry spring,
And bids the grass appear.

II.

The clouds, like rivers rais'd on high,
Pour out, at thy command,
Their wat'ry blessings from the sky,
To cheer the thirsty land.

III.

The soften'd ridges of the field
Permit the corn to spring;
The vallies rich provision yield,
And the poor lab'ers sing.

IV.

The little hills, on ev'ry side,
Rejoice at falling show'rs;
The meadows, dress'd in all their pride,
Perfume the air with flow'rs.

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V.

The barren clods refresh'd with rain,
 Promise a joyful crop;
 The parching grounds look green again,
 And raise the reaper's hope.

VI.

The various months thy goodness crowns;
 How bounteous are thy ways?
 The bleating flocks spread o'er the downs,
 And shepherds shout thy praise.

PSALM CV.

HOSANNAH to JESUS CHRIST, *the*
 SAVIOUR.

Common Metre.

I.

HARK the glad sound, the SAVIOUR comes,
 The SAVIOUR promis'd long!
 Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne,
 And ev'ry voice a song.

II.

On him the spirit largely pour'd
 Exerts its sacred fire:
 Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
 His holy breast inspire.

III.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
 In Satan's bondage held:
 The gates of brass before him burst,
 The iron fetters yield.

IV.

He came from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray;
And on the eye oppress'd with night
To pour celestial day.

V.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure;
And with the treasure of his grace,
T'inrich the humble poor.

VI.

Our glad *Hofannahs*, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

PSALM CVI.

*Thanks to GOD for Christ, and the holy
Scriptures.*

Long Metre.

I.

GOD, who in various methods told
His mind and will to saints of old,
Sent his own son with truth and grace,
To teach us in these latter days.

II.

Our nation reads the written word,
That book of life, that true record;
The bright inheritance of heav'n
Is by this sure conveyance giv'n.

III.

God's kindest thoughts are here express,
 Able to make us wise and blest :
 The doctrines are divinely true,
 Fit for reproof and comfort too.

IV.

O render thanks to GOD above,
 For his rich grace, his boundless love :
 Let all mankind receive his word,
 And ev'ry nation praise the LORD.

PSALM CVII.

*Thanks to GOD for JESUS CHRIST and
 the Blessings of his Gospel.*

Common Metre.

I.

SING to the LORD, ye distant lands,
 Ye tribes of ev'ry tongue;
 His new-discover'd grace demands
 A new and nobler song.

II.

Say to the nations, JESUS reigns,
 GOD's own almighty son;
 His pow'r the sinking world sustains,
 And grace surrounds his throne.

III.

Let heav'n proclaim the joyful day,
 Joy through the earth be seen;
 Let cities shine in bright array,
 And fields in chearful green.

IV.

Let an unusual joy surprize
The islands of the sea :
Ye mountains sink, ye valleys rise,
Prepare the LORD his way.

V.

Behold he comes, he comes to bless
The nations as their GOD ;
To shew the world his righteoufness,
And send his truth abroad.

PSALM CVIII.

Praise for the Gospel.

Common Metre.

I.

TO our almighty maker, GOD,
New honours be addrest;
His great salvation shines abroad,
And makes the nations blest.

II.

He spake the word to *Abr'am* first,
His truth fulfils the grace;
The *gentiles* make his name their trust,
And learn his righteoufness.

III.

Let the whole earth his love proclaim
With all their diff'rent tongues;
And spread the honours of his name
In melody and songs.

PSALM CIX.

Thanksgiving for the Blessings of the Messiah's Kingdom.

Common Metre.

I.

JOY to the world; the LORD is come;
 Let earth receive her king:
 Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
 And heav'n and nature sing.

II.

Joy to the earth, the SAVIOUR reigns;
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
 Repeat the sounding joy.

III.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make his blessings flow,
 Far as the curse is found.

IV.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of his righteousness,
 And wonders of his love.

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*The Way, and End of the righteous, and
wicked.*

Common Metre

I.

HOW blest is he, who ne'er consents
By ill advice to walk;
Nor stands in sinners ways, nor sits
Where men profanely talk!

II.

But makes the perfect law of GOD
His bus'ness and delight;
Devoutly reads therein by day,
And meditates by night.

III.

Like some fair tree, which, fed by streams,
With timely fruit does bend;
He still shall flourish, and success
All his designs attend.

IV.

Ungodly men, and their attempts,
No lasting root shall find;
Untimely blasted, and dispers'd
Like chaff before the wind.

V.

Their guilt shall strike the wicked dumb
Before their judge's face:
No formal hypocrite shall then
Among the saints have place.

VI.

For GOD approves the just man's ways ;
 To happiness they tend :
 But sinners, and the paths they tread,
 Shall both in ruin end.

PSALM CXI.

Love to Enemies from the Example of Christ.

Common Metre.

I.

GOD of my mercies and my praise,
 Thy glory is my song ;
 Tho' sinners speak against thy grace
 With a blaspheming tongue.

II.

When in the form of mortal man
 Thy son on earth was found,
 With cruel slanders, false and vain,
 They compass'd him around.

III.

Their mis'ries his compassion move,
 Their peace he still pursu'd ;
 They render hatred for his love,
 And evil for his good.

IV.

Their malice rag'd without a cause,
 Yet, with his dying breath,
 He pray'd for murd'ers on his cross,
 And blest his foes in death.

V.

LORD, shall thy bright example shine
 In vain before my eyes?

Give me a soul ~~a~~kin to thine,
To love my enemies.

VI.

The LORD shall on my side engage,
And, in my Saviour's name,
I shall defeat their pride and rage,
Who slander and condemn.

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The blessed Man.

Proper Tune.

I.

BLEST is the man who fears the LORD,
And walks with pleasure in his ways,
Who trembles at his holy word,
Yet gladly his command obeys :
His house with blessings shall abound,
His seed be mighty and renown'd.

II.

A gen'rous pity warms his heart ;
His kindness widely he extends;
The poor in all his wealth have part,
To some he gives, to other lends :
Yet what his bounty wastes, repairs
By wisely ord'ring his affairs.

III.

Nor is that lost which he bestows
With lib'ral heart to help the poor ;
His hand a future harvest sows,
And scatters to augment his store ;

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His bounty shall himself survive,
And blessings on his heirs derive.

IV.

When times with dismal face appear,
With frightful clouds, and gloom o'er spread,
His heart shall entertain no fear,
Above the gloom he'll lift his head :
His faith shall bear his courage up,
And GOD approves and crowns his hope.

V.

Some friendly beams of cheering light,
Will thro' the darkness make their way ;
And in affliction's darkest night,
Their greatest lustre saints display :
That heart ill tidings can't surprize
Which with firm trust on GOD relies.

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The Blessings of the liberal Man.

Proper Tune.

I.

THAT man is blest who stands in awe
Of GOD, and loves his sacred law ;
His seed on earth shall be renown'd ;
His house the seat of wealth shall be,
An inexhausted treasury,
And with successive honours crown'd.

II.

His lib'ral favours he extends,
To some he gives, to others lends :

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A gen'rous pity fills his mind:
Yet what his charity impairs,
He saves by prudence in affairs,
And thus he's just to all mankind.

III.

His hands, while they his alms bestow'd,
His glory's future harvest sow'd:
The sweet remembrance of the just,
Like a green root, revives and bears
A train of blessings for his heirs,
When dying nature sleeps in dust.

IV.

Beset with threatening dangers round,
Unmov'd shall he maintain his ground;
His conscience holds his courage up:
The soul that's fill'd with virtue's light,
Shines brightest in affliction's night;
And sees in darkness beams of hope.

PSALM CXIV.

Liberality rewarded.

Common Metre.

I.

HAPPY is he who fears the LORD,
And follows his commands;
Who lends the poor without reward,
Or gives with lib'ral hands.

II.

As pity dwells within his breast
To all the sons of need;

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So GOD shall answer his request
With blessings on his seed.

III.

No evil tidings shall surprize
His well-establish'd mind;
His soul to GOD, his refuge flies,
And leaves his fears behind.

IV.

In times of general distress
Some beams of light shall shine,
To shew the world his righteousness,
And give him peace divine.

V.

His works of piety and love
Remain before the LORD;
Honour on earth, and joys above,
Shall be his sure reward.

PSALM CXV.

Brotherly Love.

Long Metre.

I.

O GOD, my Saviour, and my King,
Of all I have or hope, the spring;
Send down thy spirit from above,
And warm my heart with holy love.

II.

May I from ev'ry act abstain,
That hurts or gives my neighbour pain;

And ev'ry secret wish suppress
That would abridge his happiness,

III.

Still may I feel my heart inclin'd,
To act the friend to all my kind ;
Still with them safety, health and ease,
Wealth, fame, eternal life and peace.

IV.

With mercy let my breath o'erflow,
When I behold a wretch in woe ;
And in his sorrows bear a part
With ev'ry one of heavy heart.

V.

But when my neighbour's prosp'rous state,
Shall pleasure in himself create ;
Let me too in his triumph join,
Nor once at his success repine.

VI.

With hearty and with forward zeal,
May I promote my brother's weal ;
Be pleas'd to please, and give content,
His griefs to ease, or to prevent,

VII.

And shou'd my neighbour spiteful prove,
Still let me vanquish spite with love ;
Slow to resent, tho' he would grieve,
But apt and ready to forgive.

VIII.

Let love in all my conduct shine,
An image fair, tho' faint of thine :
Thus I thy follower wou'd prove
Father of men, great GOD of love.

PSALM CXVI.

A good Conscience, and Submission to GOD.

Long Metre.

I.

WHILE some in folly's pleasures roll,
 And seek the joys which hurt the soul;
 Be ours that silent calm repast,
 A peaceful conscience to the last :

II.

That tree, which bears immortal fruit,
 Without a canker at the root :
 That friend, who never fails the just,
 When other friends desert their trust.

III.

Amidst the various scene of ills,
 Each stroke some kind design fulfills :
 And shall we murmur at our GOD,
 When sov'reign love directs the rod ?

IV.

Though heav'n afflicts, we'll not repine ;
 We still have peace and joys divine :
 Joys which will over death prevail,
 And brighten up its gloomy vale.

PSALM CXVII.

The Pleasures of a good Conscience.

Long Metre.

I.

LORD, how secure and blest are they,
 Whose hands are pure, whose hearts are clean :

Should tempests shake the earth and sea,
 Their minds have heav'n and peace within.

II.

The day glides sweetly o'er their head,
 Made up of innocence and love :
 And soft and silent as the shades,
 Their nightly minutes gently move.

III.

Quick as their thoughts their joys come on,
 But fly not half so fast away :
 Their souls are ever bright as noon,
 And calm as summer ev'nings be.

IV.

How oft they look to th' heavenly hills,
 Where groves of living pleasure grow ?
 And pleasing hopes, and chearful smiles
 Sit undisturb'd upon their brow.

V.

They scorn to pine for golden toys,
 But spend the day, and share the night,
 In musing o'er diviner joys,
 Which heaven prepares for their delight.

P S A L M CXVIII.

The Pleasures of domestic Friendship.

Short Metre.

I.

BLEST are the sons of peace,
 Whose hearts and hopes are one;
 Whose kind designs to serve and please
 Thro' all their actions run.

II.

Blest is the pious house
Where zeal and friendship meet;
Their songs of praise, their mingled vows,
Make their communion sweet.

III.

Thus when on *Aaron's* head
They pour'd the rich perfume,
The oil thro' all his raiment spread,
And pleasure fill'd the room.

IV.

Thus on the heav'nly hills
The saints are blest above,
Where joy like morning-dew distils,
And all the air is love.

PSALM CXIX.

Common Metre.

Humility and Submission

I.

Is there ambition in my heart?
Search, gracious GOD, and see;
Or do I act a haughty part?
LORD, I appeal to thee.

II.

I charge my thoughts, be humble still,
And all my carriage mild,
Content, my father. with thy will,
And quiet as a child.

III.

The patient soul, the lowly mind,
 Shall have a large reward:
 Let saints in sorrow lie resign'd,
 And trust a faithful LORD.

PSALM CXX.

Obedience is better than Sacrifice.

Common Metre.

I.

THUS faith the LORD, "the spacious fields,
 " And flocks and herds are mine;
 " O'er all the cattle of the hills
 " I claim a right divine.

II.

" I ask no sheep for sacrifice,
 " Nor bullocks burnt with fire;
 " To hope and love, to pray and praise,
 " Is all that I require.

III.

" Call upon me when trouble's near,
 " My hand shall set thee free;
 " Then shall thy thankful lips declare
 " The honour due to me.

IV.

" The man who offers humble praise,
 " He glorifies me best;
 " And those who tread my holy ways
 " Shall my salvation taste.

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PSALM CXXI.

The Happiness of a virtuous Life.

Common Metre.

I.

HOW blest'd are they who always keep
 The pure and perfect way!
 Who never from the sacred paths
 Of GOD's commandments stray!

II.

How blest'd! who to his righteous laws
 Have still obedient been!
 And have with fervent humble zeal
 His favour sought to win!

III.

Such men their utmost caution use
 To shun each wicked deed;
 But in the path which he directs
 With constant care proceed.

IV.

Thou strictly hast enjoin'd us, LORD,
 To learn thy sacred will;
 And all our diligence employ
 Thy statutes to fulfil.

V.

O then that thy most holy will
 Might o'er my ways preside!
 And I the course of all my life
 By thy direction guide!

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VI.

Then with assurance should I walk,
From all confusion free;
Convinc'd, with joy, that all my ways
With thy commands agree.

PSALM CXXII.

Going to Church.

Proper Tune.

I.

HOW pleas'd and blest was I,
To hear the people cry,
Come, let us seek our GOD to-day;
Yes, with a chearful zeal
We haste to *Zion's* hill,
And there our vows and honours pay.

II.

Zion, thrice happy place,
Adorn'd with wond'rous grace,
And walls of strength embrace thee round;
In thee our tribes appear
To pray, and praise, and hear,
The sacred gospel's joyful sound,

III.

May peace attend thy gate,
And joy within thee wait,
To bless the soul of ev'ry guest;
The man who seeks thy peace,
And wishes thine increase,
A thousand blessings on him rest!

IV.

My tongue repeats her vows,

"Peace to this sacred house !

For there my friends and kindred dwell;

And since my glorious GOD

Makes thee his best abode,

My soul shall ever love thee well.

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PSALM CXXIII.

Instruction from Scripture.

Common Metre.

I.

HOW shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?

Thy word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

II.

When once it enters to the mind,
It spreads such light abroad,
The meanest souls instruction find,
And raise their thoughts to GOD.

III:

'Tis like the sun, a heav'nly light,
That guides us all the day;
And thro' the dangers of the night,
A lamp to lead our way.

IV.

The men who keep thy law with care,
And meditate thy word,

Grow wiser than their teachers are,
And better know the LORD.

V.

Thy precepts make me truly wise;
I hate the sinner's road:
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise,
But love thy law, my GOD.

VI.

[The starry heav'ns thy rule obey,
The earth maintains her place;
And these thy servants night and day
Thy skill and pow'r express.

VII.

But still thy law and gospel, LORD,
Have lessons more divine:
Not earth stands firmer than thy word,
Nor stars so nobly shine.]

VIII.

Thy word is everlasting truth,
How pure is ev'ry page!
That holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

PSALM CXXIV.

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The Character and Hope of the good Man.

Common Metre.

I.

LORD, who's the happy man who may
To thy blest courts repair;
Not, stranger-like, to visit them,
But to inhabit there?

II.

'Tis he, whose ev'ry thought and deed
 By rules of virtue moves;
 Whose gen'rous tongue disdains to speak
 The thing his heart disproves.

III.

Who never did a slander forge,
 His neighbour's fame to wound;
 Nor hearken to a false report,
 By malice whisper'd round.

IV.

Who vice, in all its pomp and pow'r,
 Can treat with just neglect;
 And piety, tho' cloath'd in rags,
 Religiously respect.

V.

Who to his plighted vows and trust
 Has ever firmly stood;
 And tho' he promise to his loss,
 He makes his promise good.

VI.

Whose soul in sinful ways disdains
 His treasure to employ;
 Whom no rewards can ever bribe
 The guiltless to destroy.

VII.

The man, who by this steady course
 Has happiness insur'd:
 When earth's foundation shakes, shall stand,
 By providence secur'd.

PsalM CXXV.

The Excellency of the Gospel.

Short Metre.

I.

BEHOLD the morning sun
Begins his glorious way;
His beams thro' all the nations run,
And life and light convey.

II.

But where the Gospel comes,
It spreads diviner light;
It calls dead sinners from their tombs,
And gives the blind their sight.

III.

How perfect is thy word,
And all thy judgments just;
For ever sure thy promise LORD,
And men securely trust.

IV.

My gracious GOD how plain,
Are thy directions giv'n;
O may I never read in vain,
But find the path to heav'n.

V.

While with my heart and tongue,
I spread thy praise abroad,
Accept the worship and the song,
My SAVIOUR and my GOD.

PSALM CXXVI.

The Excellency of the Scriptures.

As the 113 PSALM.

I.

I Love the volumes of thy word;
 What light and joy those leaves afford
 To souls benighted and distressed!
 Thy precepts guide my doubtful way,
 Thy fear forbids my feet to stray,
 Thy promise leads my heart to rest.

II.

From the discoveries of thy law
 The perfect rules of life I draw,
 These are my study and delight:
 Not honey so invites the taste,
 Nor gold that hath the furnace past,
 Appears so pleasing to the sight.

III.

Thy threat'nings wake my slumb'ring eyes,
 And warn me where my danger lies;
 But 'tis thy blessed Gospel, LORD,
 That makes my guilty conscience clean,
 Converts my soul, subdues my sin,
 And gives a free, but large reward.

IV.

Who knows the errors of his thoughts?
 My GOD, forgive my secret faults,
 And from presumptuous sins restrain:
 Accept my poor attempts of praise,
 That I have read thy book of grace,
 And book of nature, not in vain.

PSALM CXXVII.

The Pleasure of Public Worship.

Long Metre.

I.

HOW pleasant, how divinely fair,
HO LORD of hosts, thy dwellings are!
With long desire my spirit faints
To meet the assemblies of thy saints.

II.

My flesh would rest in thine abode,
My panting heart cries out for GOD:
My GOD! my King! why should I be
So far from all my joys and thee?

III.

Blest are the saints who sit on high
Around thy throne of majesty:
Thy brightest glories shine above,
And all their work is praise and love.

IV.

Blest are the souls who find a place
Within the temple of thy grace;
There they behold thy gentler rays.
And seek thy face, and learn thy praise.

V.

Blest are the men whose hearts are set
To find the way to Zion's gate:
GOD is their strength; and thro' the road
They lean upon their helper, GOD.

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Chearful they walk with growing strength,
 'Till all shall meet in heav'n at length;
 'Till all before thy face appear,
 And join in nobler worship there.

PSALM CXXVIII.

• *Sincerity in Divine Worship.*

Common Metre.

I.

GOD is a spirit, just and wise,
 He sees our inmost mind:
 In vain to heav'n we raise our cries,
 And leave our souls behind.

II.

Nothing but truth before his throne,
 With honour can appear:
 The formal hypocrites are known,
 Thro' the disguise they wear.

III.

Their lifted eyes salute the skies,
 Their bending knees the ground:
 But GOD abhors the sacrifice,
 Where not the heart is found.

IV.

LORD search our thoughts, and try our ways,
 And make our souls sincere:
 Then shall we stand before thy face,
 And find acceptance there.

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The Life and Death of good Men.

Common Metre.

I.

MY GOD, the steps of pious men
Are order'd by thy will ;
Tho' they shou'd fall, they rise again ;
Thy hand supports them still.

II.

The LORD delights to see their ways,
Their virtue he approves ;
He'll ne'er deprivè them of his grace,
Or leave the man he loves.

III.

The heavenly heritage is theirs,
Their portion and their home :
He feeds them now, and makes them heirs
Of blessings long to come.

IV.

Mark well the man of righteousness,
His sev'ral steps attend ;
True pleasure runs thro' all his ways,
And peaceful is his end.

PSALM CXXX.

The Justice and Goodness of GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

THY justice, LORD, maintains its throne,
Tho' mountains melt away ;

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Thy judgments are a world unknown,
A deep unfathom'd sea.

II.

Safety to men thy goodness brings,
Nor overlooks the beast :
Beneath the shadow of thy wings
Thy children love to rest.

III.

From thee, when short-liv'd joys run low,
And mortal comforts die ;
Perpetual springs of life shall flow,
And raise our pleasures high.

IV.

Tho' all created light decay,
And death close up our eyes ;
Thy presence makes eternal day,
Where clouds can never rise.

PSALM CXXXI.

The Character and Reward of the good Man.

Long Metre.

I.

THIS spacious earth is all the LORD's,
And men, and worms, and beasts, and birds
He rais'd it high above the seas,
And form'd it for their dwelling place.

II.

But there's a brighter world on high,
The heav'nly seats above the sky :
Who shall ascend that blest abode,
And dwell so near his maker GOD ?

III.

He who abhors, and fears to sin,
 Whose heart is pure; whose hands are clean :
 Him will the LORD delight to bless,
 And cloath with robes of righteousness.

IV.

These are the men, the pious race,
 Who seek their heav'nly fathers face;
 These shall enjoy the blissful sight,
 And dwell in everlasting light.

PSALM CXXXII.

The Seasons of the Year.

Common Metre.

I.

WITH songs and honours sounding loud
 Address the LORD on high;
 Over the heav'ns he spreads his cloud,
 And waters veil the sky.

II.

He sends his show'rs of blessings down
 To cheer the plains below:
 He makes the grass the mountains crown,
 And corn in valleys grow.

III.

He gives the grazing ox his meat,
 He hears the ravens cry:
 But man who tastes his finest wheat,
 Should raise his honours high.

IV.

His steady counsels change the face,
Of the declining year;
He bids the sun cut short his race,
And wintry days appear.

V.

His hoary frost, his fleecy snow,
Descend and clothe the ground;
The liquid streams forbear to flow,
In icy fetters bound.

VI.

When from his dreadful stores on high
He pours the rattling hail,
The wretch that dares his GOD defy
Shall find his courage fail.

VII.

He sends his word and melts the snow,
The fields no longer mourn;
He calls the warmer gales to blow,
And bids the spring return:

VIII.

The changing wind, the flying cloud,
Obey his mighty word:
With songs and honours sounding loud,
Praise ye the sov'reign LORD.

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PSALM CXXXIII.

The Citizen of Zion:

Common Metre.

I.

WHO shall inhabit in thy hill,
O GOD of holiness?

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Whom will the LORD admit to dwell
So near his throne of grace?

II.

The man who walks in pious ways,
And works with right'ous hands;
Who trusts his maker's promises,
And follows his commands.

III.

He speaks the meaning of his heart,
Nor flanders with his tongue;
Will scarce believe an ill report,
Nor do his neighbour wrong.

IV.

The wealthy sinner he contemns,
Loves all who fear the LORD;
And tho' to his own hurt he swears,
Still he performs his word.

V.

His hands disdain a golden bribe,
And never gripe the poor:
This man shall dwell with GOD on earth,
And find his heav'n secure.

PSALM CXXXIV.

Seeking after GOD.

Short Metre.

I.

MY GOD, permit my tongue
This joy, to call thee mine;
And let my early cries prevail
To taste thy love divine.

II.

For life, without thy love,
 No relish can afford :
 No joy can be compar'd to this,
 To serve and please the LORD.

III.

To thee I'll lift my hands,
 And praise thee while I live ;
 Not all the dainties of a feast,
 Such food or pleasure give.

IV.

In wakeful hours of night,
 I call my GOD to mind ;
 I think how wise thy counsels are,
 And all thy dealings kind.

V.

Since thou hast been my help,
 To thee my spirit flies ;
 And on thy watchful providence
 My chearful hope relies.

VI.

The shadow of thy wings
 My soul in safety keeps :
 I follow where my father leads,
 And he supports my steps.

PSALM CXXXV.

*For Blessing of GOD on the Business and
 Comforts of Life.*

Long Metre.

I.

IF GOD succeed not, all the cost
 And pains to build the house are lost,

IF GOD the city will not keep,
The watchful guards as well may sleep.

II.

What if you rise before the sun,
And work and toil when day is done ;
Careful and sparing eat your bread,
To shun the poverty you dread :

III.

'Tis all in vain, till GOD hath blest;
He can make rich, yet give us rest:
Children and friends are blessings too,
If GOD our sov'reign make them so:

IV.

Happy the man to whom he sends
Obedient children, faithful friends!
How sweet our daily comforts prove
When they are season'd with his love!

PSALM CXXXVI.

Breathing after Holiness.

Common Metre.

I.

O That the LORD would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
O that my GOD would grant me grace
To know and do his will.

II.

O send thy spirit down to write
Thy law upon my heart!

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Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
Nor act the liar's part.

III.

From vanity turn off my eyes;
Let no corrupt design,
Nor covetous desires arise
Within this soul of mine.

IV.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, LORD,
But keep my conscience clear.

V.

My soul hath gone too far astray,
My feet too often slip;
Yet since I've not forgot thy way,
Restore thy wand'ring sheep.

VI.

Make me to walk in thy commands;
'Tis a delightful road:
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my GOD.

PSALM CXXXVII.

The true Way to please GOD.

Common Metre.

I.

WHEREWITH shall I approach the LORD.
And bow before his throne?
Or how procure his kind regard,
And for my guilt atone?

II.

Shall altars flame, and victims bleed,
And spicy fumes ascend?
Will these my earnest wish succeed,
And make my GOD my friend?

III.

Should thousand rams in flames expire,
Would these his favours buy?
Or oil that should, for holy fire,
Ten thousand streams supply?

IV.

With trembling hands, and bleeding heart,
Should I mine offspring slay:
Would this atone for ill-desert,
And purge my guilt away?

V.

Oh! no, my soul, 'twere fruitless all,
Such victims bleed in vain:
No fatlings from the field or stall,
Such favours can obtain.

VI.

To men their *rights* I must allow,
And proofs of *kindness* give:
To GOD with *bumble rev'rence* bow,
And to his glory live.

VII.

Hands that are clean, and hearts sincere,
He never will dispise:
And chearful duty he'll prefer
To costly sacrifice.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

*Heavenly Joy on Earth, and Prospect of
Immortality.*

Short Metre.

I.

COME, we who love the LORD,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

II.

The sorrows of the mind
Be banish'd from the place;
Religion never was design'd
To make our pleasures less.

III.

The GOD who rules on high,
And thunders when he please,
Who rides upon the stormy sky,
And manages the seas:

IV.

This awful GOD is ours,
Our father, and our love,
He shall send down his heav'nly power,
To carry us above:

V.

Then shall we see his face,
And never, never sin;
There from the rivers of his grace,
Drink endless pleasures in.

VI.

Yes, and before we rise
 To that immortal state,
 The thoughts of such amazing bliss
 Should constant joys create.

VII.

The men of grace have found
 Glory begun below :
 Celestial fruits, on earthly ground,
 From faith and hope may grow.

VIII.

Then let our songs abound,
 And ev'ry tear be dry;
 We're marching thro' *Immanuel's*, ground
 To fairer worlds on high.

P S A L M CXXXIX.

Men called upon to worship GOD.

Short Metre.

I.

COME, sound his praise abroad,
 And hymns of glory sing:
JEHOVAH is the sov'reign GOD,
 The universal King.

II.

He form'd the deeps unknown;
 He gave the seas their bound;
 The wat'ry worlds are all his own,
 And all the solid ground.

III.

Come, worship at his throne,
 Come bow before the LORD;
 We are his works, and not our own,
 He form'd us by his word.

IV.

To day attend his voice,
 Nor dare provoke his rod;
 Come, like the people of his choice,
 And own your gracious GOD.

PSALM CXL.

Blessed are the Dead, who die in the LORD.

Common Metre.

I.

HARK! from on high a chearing voice,
 Lend all a list'ning ear:
 'Twill make each pious heart rejoice,
 And vanquish ev'ry fear,

II.

"Write hence forth, blessed are the dead
 "Who in the LORD shall die:
 "Their weary flesh, as on a bed,
 "Soft in a grave shall lie.

III.

"Whilst their glad souls, at last releas'd,
 "To heav'n shall take their flight!
 "There to enjoy eternal rest,
 "And infinite delight.

IV.

- " They'll drop each load as they ascend,
 " And bid farewell to woe:
 " Their labours with their lives shall end,
 " Their rest no period know.

V.

- " They'll drudge no more for daily bread,
 " No more of sin complain;
 " No more be pinch'd with any need,
 " Nor griev'd with any pain.

VI.

- " Their conflicts then with busy foes,
 " For evermore shall cease:
 " None shall their pleasing work oppose,
 " Or once disturb their peace.

VII.

- " But vast rewards shall recompence
 " Their hearty service here:
 " And perfect love shall banish thence,
 " All diffidence and fear.

P S A L M CXLI.

New Year's Day.

Common Metre.

I.

AND now, my soul, another year,
 Of my short life is past:
 I cannot long continue here,
 And this may be my last.

II.

Much of my dubious life is done,
Nor will return again :
And swift my passing moments run,
The few that yet remain.

III.

Awake, my soul, with utmost care
Thy true condition learn :
What are thy hopes, how sure, how fair ?
And what thy chief concern ?

IV.

Now a new scene of time begins,
Set out therewith for heav'n :
Repent of all thy former sins,
Reform, and be forgiv'n.

V.

Devoutly yield thyself to GOD;
And to his care commend :
With zeal pursue the heavenly road,
Nor doubt an happy end.

PSALM CXLII.

The LORD is our Shepherd.

As the 113. PSALM.

I.

THE LORD my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care :
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye ;
My noon-day walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

II.

When in the fultry glebe I faint,
 Or on the thirsty mountain pant;
 To fertile vales and dewy meads
 My weary wand'ring steps he leads;
 Where peaceful rivers soft and flow
 Amid the verdant landscape flow.

III.

Tho' in the paths of death I tread,
 With gloomy horrors over-spread,
 My stedfast heart shall fear no ill,
 For thou, O LORD, art with me still;
 Thy friendly hand shall give me aid,
 And guide me thro' the dreadful shade.

IV.

Tho' in a bare and rugged way,
 Thro' devious lonely wilds I stray,
 Thy bounty shall my pains beguile,
 The barren wilderness shall smile,
 With sudden greens and herbage crown'd;
 And streams shall murmur all around.

P S A L M CXLIII.

The LORD's Prayer imitated.

Common Metre.

I.

FATHER of all! eternal Mind!
 Immensely good and great!
 Thy children form'd and blest'd by thee,
 Approach thy heav'nly seat.

II.

Thy name in hallow'd strains be sung !
We join the solemn praise :
To thy great name, with heart and tongue,
Our chearful homage raise.

III.

Thy righteous, mild, and sov'reign reign
Let ev'ry being own :
And in our minds, thy work divine,
Erect thy gracious throne.

IV.

As angels round thy feat above,
Thy blest commands fulfil ;
So may thy creatures here below
Perform thy heav'nly will.

V.

On thee we day by day depend,
Our daily wants supply :
And feed with truth and virtue pure,
Our souls which never die.

VI.

Extend thy grace to every fault,
Oh! let thy love forgive :
Teach us divine forgiveness too,
Nor let resentments live.

VII.

Where tempting snares bestrew the way,
Permit us not to tread :
Avert the threat'ning evil near,
From our unguarded head.

VIII.

Thy sacred name we thus adore,
 With joyful humble mind :
 And praise thy goodness, power, and truth,
 Eternal, unconfin'd.

P S A L M CXLIV.

For Christmas Day.

Proper Tune.

I.

ARISE, and hail the happy day;
 Cast all low cares of life away,
 And thought of meaner things:
 This day to cure our deadly woes,
 The sun of righteousness arose,
 With healing in his wings.

II.

If angels on that happy morn,
 The Saviour of the world was born,
 Pour'd forth their joyful songs;
 Much more shou'd we of human race,
 Adore the wonders of his grace,
 To whom the grace belongs.

III.

How wonderful! how vast his love!
 Who left the shining realms above,
 Those happy seats of rest!
 How much for human-kind he bore,
 Their peace and pardon to restore,
 Can never be express'd.

IV.

Whilst we adore his boundless grace,
 And holy joy and thanks take place:
 Of sorrow, grief, and pain;
 Give glory to our GOD most high,
 And not amongst the gen'ral joy,
 Forget good will to men.

V.

O then let heav'n and earth rejoice,
 Creation's whole united voice,
 And hymn the happy day;
 When *Satan's* empire vanquish'd fell,
 And all the pow'rs of death and hell,
 Before his sov'reign sway.

PSALM CXLV.

A public national Thanksgiving.

As the 113 PSALM.

I.

SAY, should we search the globe around,
 Where can such happiness be found,
 As dwells in BRITAIN's favour'd isle?
 Here plenty reigns; here freedom sheds
 Her choicest blessings on our heads,
 And bids our bleakest mountains smile,

II.

Here commerce spreads the wealthy store
 That comes from ev'ry foreign shore;
 Science and art their charms display;

Religion teaches us to raise
Our voices to our maker's praise,
As truth and conscience point the way.

III.

When FRANCE, from pride and envy, plann'd
The ruin of our blissful land,

Here vict'ry arm'd her chosen race;
Go forth, my valiant sons, she said,
Go strike the haughty GAUL with dread,
And triumph in his deep disgrace.

IV.

These are thy gifts, almighty King!
From thee our matchless blessings spring:
Th' extended trade, the fruitful skies,
The raptures liberty bestows,
Th' eternal joys the gospel shews,
All from thy boundless goodness rise.

V.

From thee, the zeal and spirit came,
That did our patriot chiefs inflame;
Their skill, their courage, all are thine;
Our daring troops with glory crown'd,
Tell to the wond'ring nations round,
The hand that leads us is divine.

VI.

With grateful hearts, with gladsome tongues,
To GOD we raise triumphant songs;
His pow'r, his mercy, we proclaim:
At length, ye faithless tyrants, own
JEHOVAH here hath fix'd his throne,
And tremble at his awful name.

VII.

Long as the moon her course shall run,
 Or man behold the circling sun,
 O still may GOD in BRITAIN reign!
 Still crown her armies with success,
 With peace and joy her borders bless,
 And all her sacred rights maintain.

PSALM CXLVI.

A Morning Psalm.

Common Metre.

I.

ON thee, each morning, O my GOD,
 My waking thoughts attend;
 In whom are founded all my hopes,
 And all my wishes end.

II.

My soul, in pleasing wonder lost,
 His boundless love surveys;
 And, fir'd with grateful zeal, prepares,
 Her sacrifice of praise.

III.

He leads me thro' the maze of sleep,
 He brings me safe to light;
 And, with the same paternal care,
 Conducts my steps till night.

IV.

When evening slumbers press my eyes,
 With his protection blest,
 In peace and safety I commit,
 My weary'd limbs to rest.

V.

My spirit, in his hands secure,
 Fears no approaching ill;
 For, whether waking or asleep,
 The LORD is with me still.

VI.

I'll daily to th' astonish'd world,
 His wond'rous acts proclaim;
 While all with me shall praises sing,
 With me shall blefs his name.

VII.

At morn, and noon, and night I'll still
 The growing work pursue;
 And him alone will praise, to whom
 Eternal praise, is due.

P S A L M CXLVII.

An Evening Psalm.

Common Metre.

I.

INDULGENT GOD, whose bount'ous care
 O'er all thy works is shewn!
 Oh! let my grateful pray'r and praise
 Ascend before thy throne.

II.

What mercies has this day bestow'd,
 How largely hast thou blest!
 My cup with plenty overflow'd,
 With chearfulness my breast.

III.

Now may sweet slumbers close my eyes,
 From pain and sickness free;

And let my waking thoughts arise
To meditate on thee.

IV.

So blest each future day and night,
Till life's fond scene is o'er;
And then to realms of endless light,
O! let my spirit soar.

PSALM CXLVIII.

The Pleasures of Divine Worship.

Proper Tune.

I.

LORD of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of thy love,
Thy earthly temples are:
To thine abode
My heart aspires,
With warm desires
To see my GOD.

II.

The sparrow for her young
With pleasure seeks a nest,
And wand'ring swallows long
To find their wonted rest;
My spirit faints
With equal zeal
To rise and dwell
Among thy saints.

III.

O happy souls that pray,
Where GOD appoints to hear!
O happy men that pay
Their constant service there!
They praise thee still;
And happy they
That love the way
To *Zion's* hill.

IV.

They go from strength to strength,
Thro' this dark vale of tears,
Till each arrives at length,
Till each in heav'n appears:
O glorious feat,
When GOD our King
Shall thither bring
Our willing feet!

PAUSE.

V.

To spend one sacred day
Where GOD and saints abide,
Affords diviner joy
Than thousand days beside:
Where GOD resorts.
I love it more
To keep the door
Than shine in courts.

VI.

GOD is our sun and shield,
Our light and our defence;

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With gifts his hands are fill'd,
 We draw our blessings thence;
 He shall bestow
 On *Jacob's* race
 Peculiar grace
 And glory too.

VII.

The LORD his people loves;
 His hand no good with-holds
 From those his heart approves,
 From pure and pious souls:
 Thrice happy he,
 O GOD of hosts,
 Whose spirit trusts
 Alone in thee.

PSALM CXLIX.

Universal Prayer.

Common Metre.

I.

FATHER of all! in ev'ry age,
 In ev'ry clime ador'd,
 By faint, by savage, and by sage,
 JEHOVAH, JOVE, or LORD!

II.

What conscience dictates to be done,
 Or warns me not to do,
 This, teach me more than hell to shun,
 That, more than heav'n pursue.

III.

What blessings thy free bounty gives,
 Let me not cast away;

For GOD is paid when man receives,
T' enjoy is to obey.

IV.

Yet not to earth's contracted span
Thy goodness let me bound,
Or think thee LORD alone of man,
When thousand worlds are round.

V.

Let not this weak unknowing hand
Presume thy bolts to throw,
And deal damnation round the land,
On each I judge thy foe.

VI.

If I am right, O teach my heart
Still in the right to stay;
If I am wrong, thy grace impart
To find that better way.

VII.

Save me alike from foolish pride,
Or impious discontent,
At ought thy wisdom has denied,
Or ought thy goodness lent.

VIII.

Teach me to feel another's woe;
To hide the fault I see;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.

IX.

Mean tho' I am, not wholly so,
Since quicken'd by thy breath:
Oh lead me wherefoe'er I go,
Thro' this day's life or death.

X.

This day be bread and peace my lot;
 All else beneath the sun
 Thou know'st if best bestow'd or not,
 And let thy will be done,

XI.

To thee whose temple is all space,
 Whose altar, earth, sea, skies,
 One chorus let all beings raise!
 All nature's incense rise.

PSALM CL.

Universal Praise.

Proper Tune.

I.

O Azure vaults! O crystal sky!
 The world's transparent canopy,
 Break your long silence, and let mortals know,
 With what contempt you look on things below.

II.

O light! the fairest, first of things,
 From whom all joy, all beauty springs,
 Praise the almighty ruler of the globe
 Who useth thee for his imperial robe.

III.

Thou radiant sun! whose glorious ray
 Rules the bright empire of the day:
 O praise his name, without whose purer light
 Thou hadst been hid in an abyss of night.

IV.

Ye moon and planets! who dispense
 By GOD's command, your influence:

Vast ever-moving orbs; exalt his name
Who gave its being to each glorious frame.

V.

Ye mists and vapours, hail and snow,
And you who thro' the concave blow
Swift executors of his holy word,
Whirlwinds, and tempests, praise th' almighty LORD.

VI.

Mountains, who to your maker's view
Are less than mole-hills seem to you,
Praise him, who did all forms from chaos draw,
Him whose command is universal law.

VII.

Praise him ye monsters of the deep
That in the sea's vast bosom sleep!
At whose command the foaming billows roar,
Yet know their limits, tremble, and adore.

VIII.

Let the wide world his praises sing,
From whom their various blessings spring,
Let echoing anthems make his praises known
On earth, his footstool, as in heaven his throne.

THE END.



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